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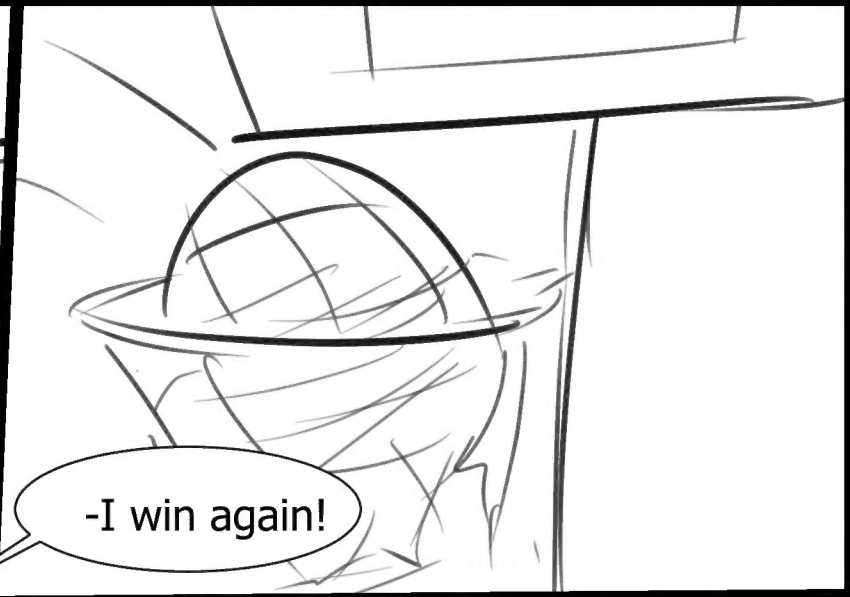
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The games we play, winning at all cost
or betraying what you cherish most?



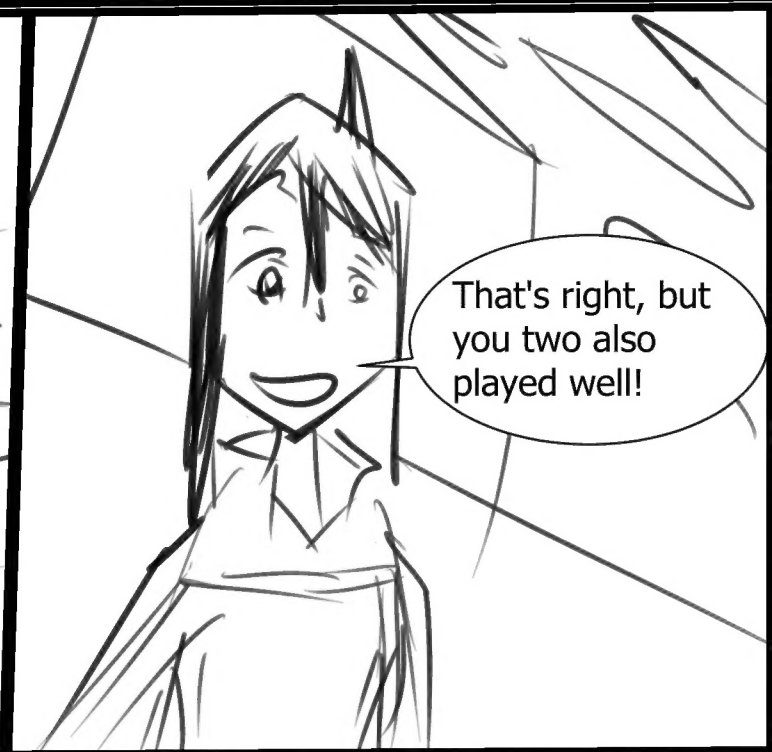
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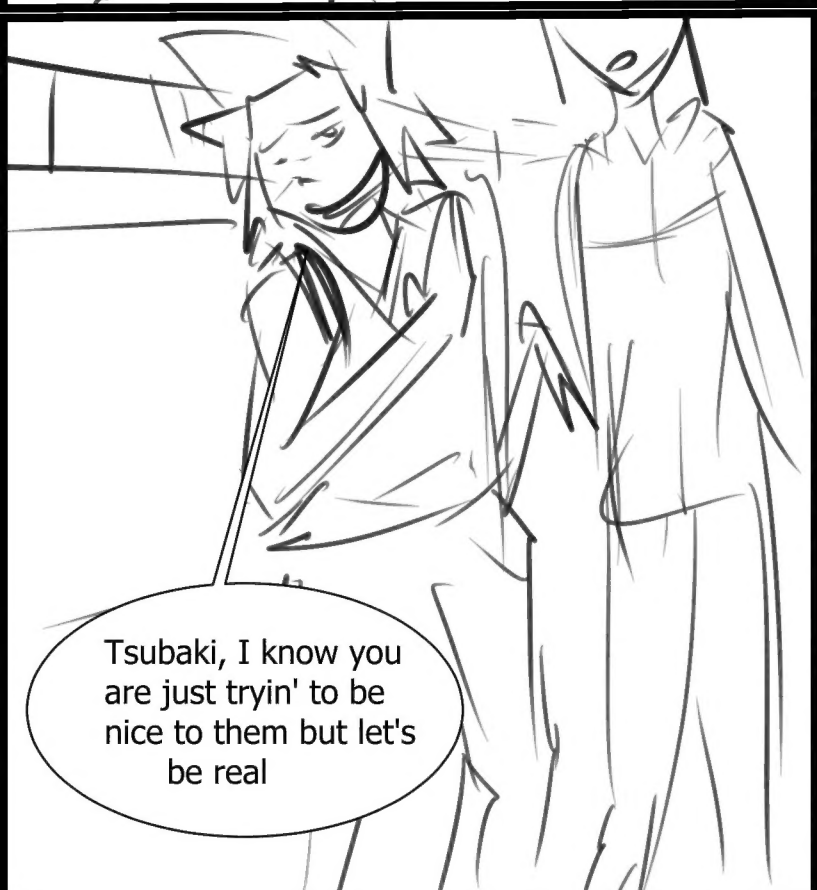
-I win again!



Yahuu!
8 times
in a row!



That's right, but
you two also
played well!



Tsubaki, I know you
are just tryin' to be
nice to them but let's
be real



If they played so well,
they wouldn't
have lost, eh?!



But you allways say that you are "the greatest", so we could even if we were the second best...



First, yes I am the greatest!

And second, there are no runner-ups, just winners and losers!

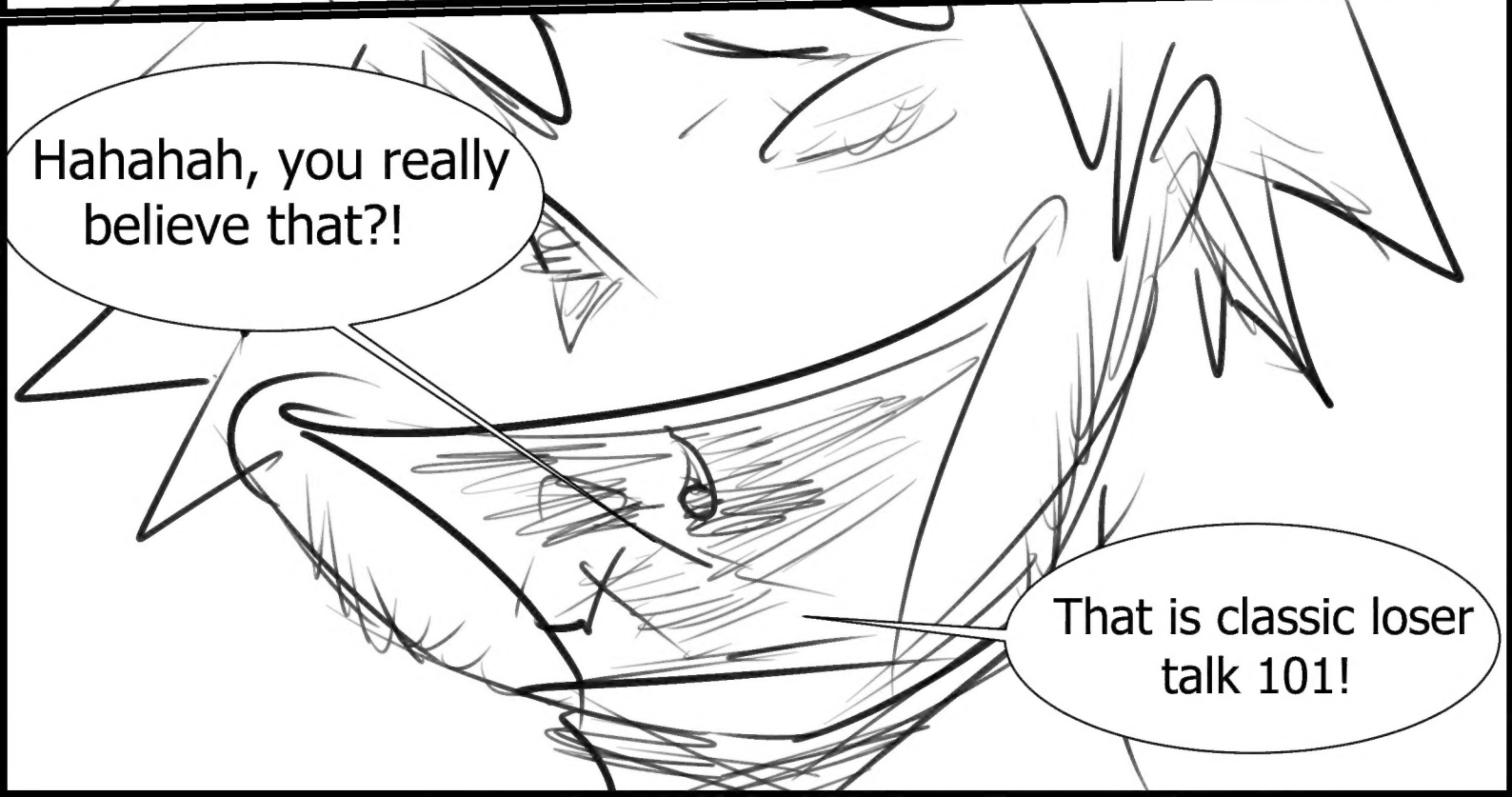


Oh, I guess you are the one and only winner in being the shortest in our friend group?

Haha, you get it!

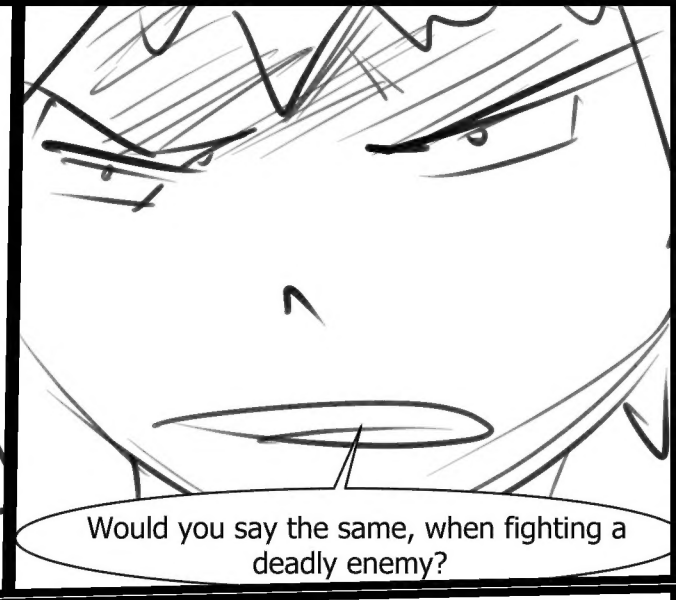


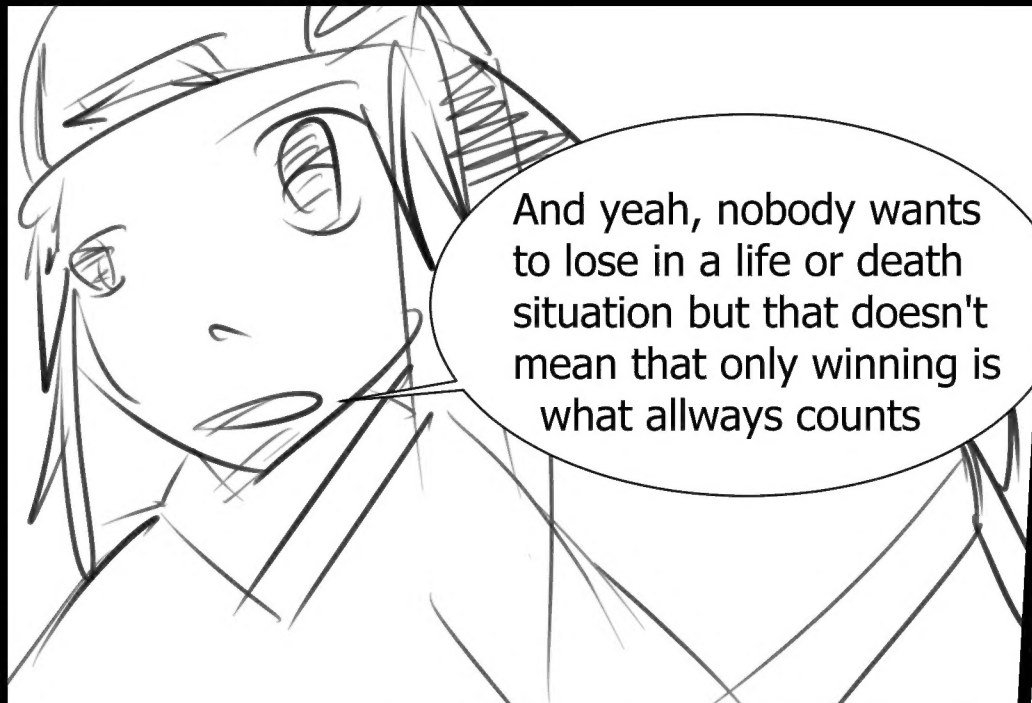
I still think that winning isn't everything, the true victory is the friends-



Hahahah, you really believe that?!

That is classic loser talk 101!





And yeah, nobody wants to lose in a life or death situation but that doesn't mean that only winning is what allways counts

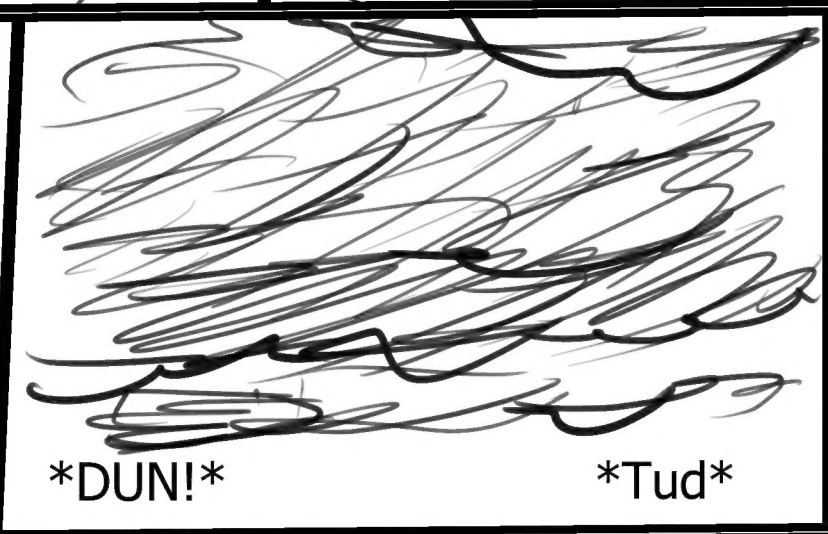


That's what I-

Although it would be nice to not lose at this or other games for once...



Oh... Right...



DUN!

Tud



shii



Rain? Time too call it a day and go home

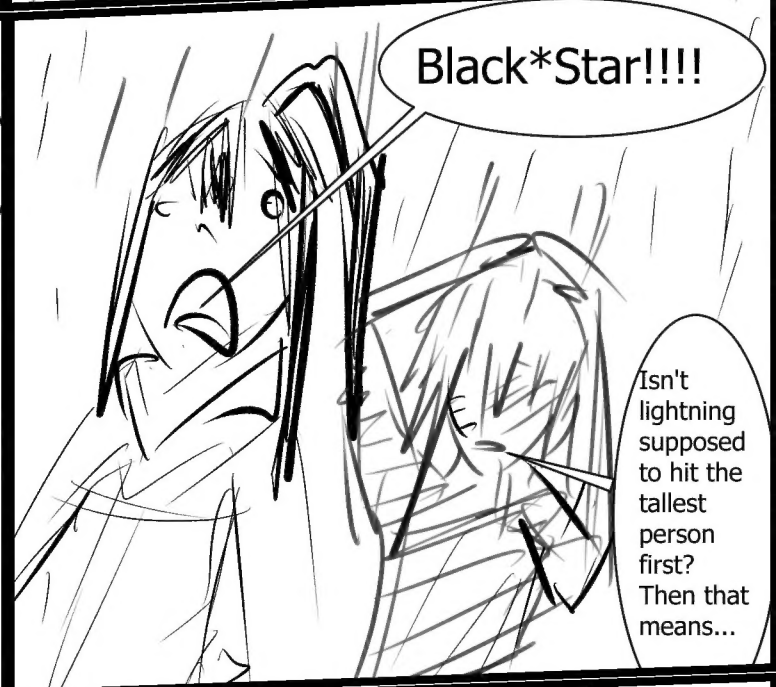
What?! I'm not scared of some pathetic tiny raindrops!



Hahahahaha!

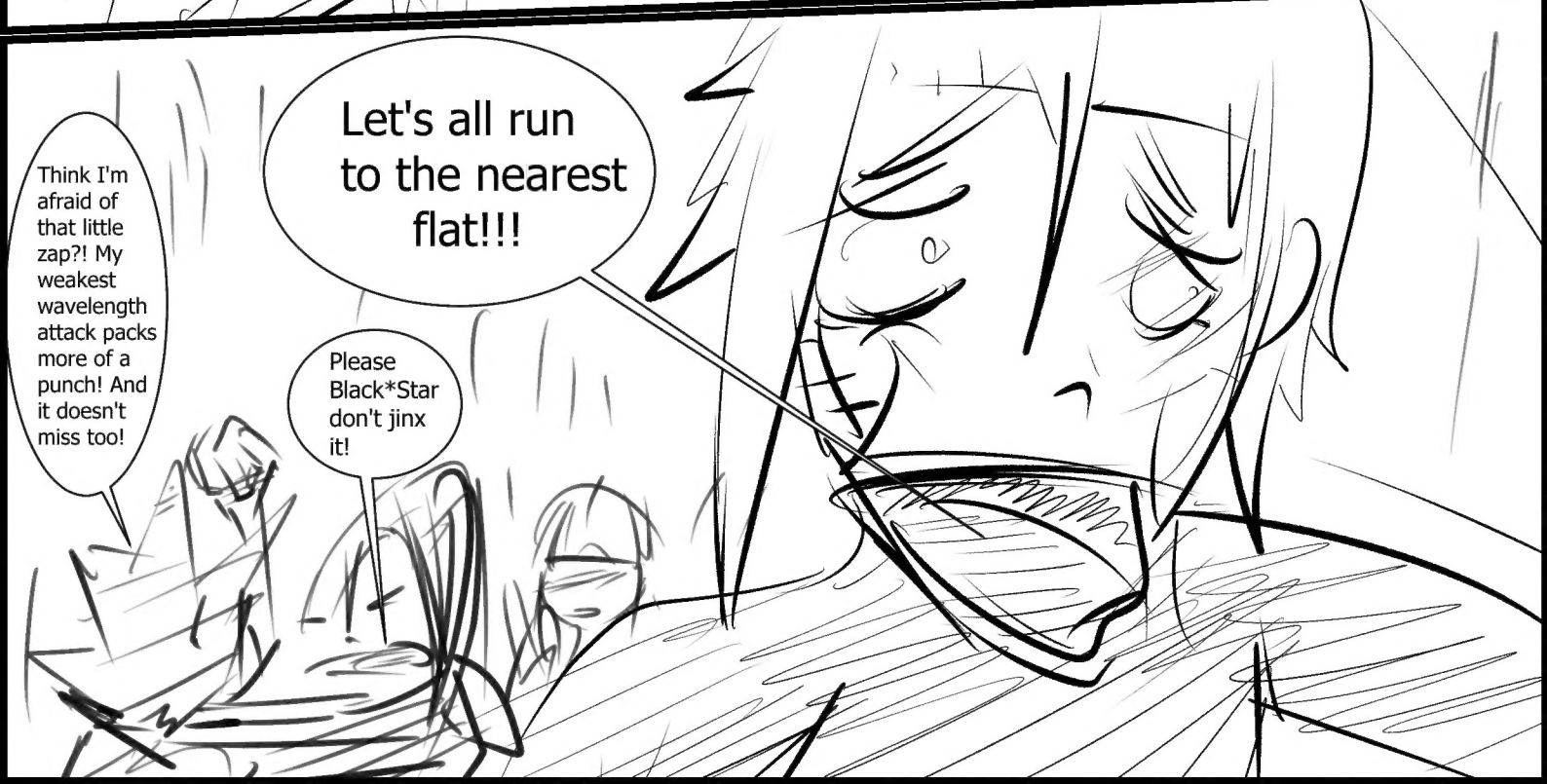


I allways wondered when Black Star would be finally get smithen by the heavens for his arogance...



Black*Star!!!!

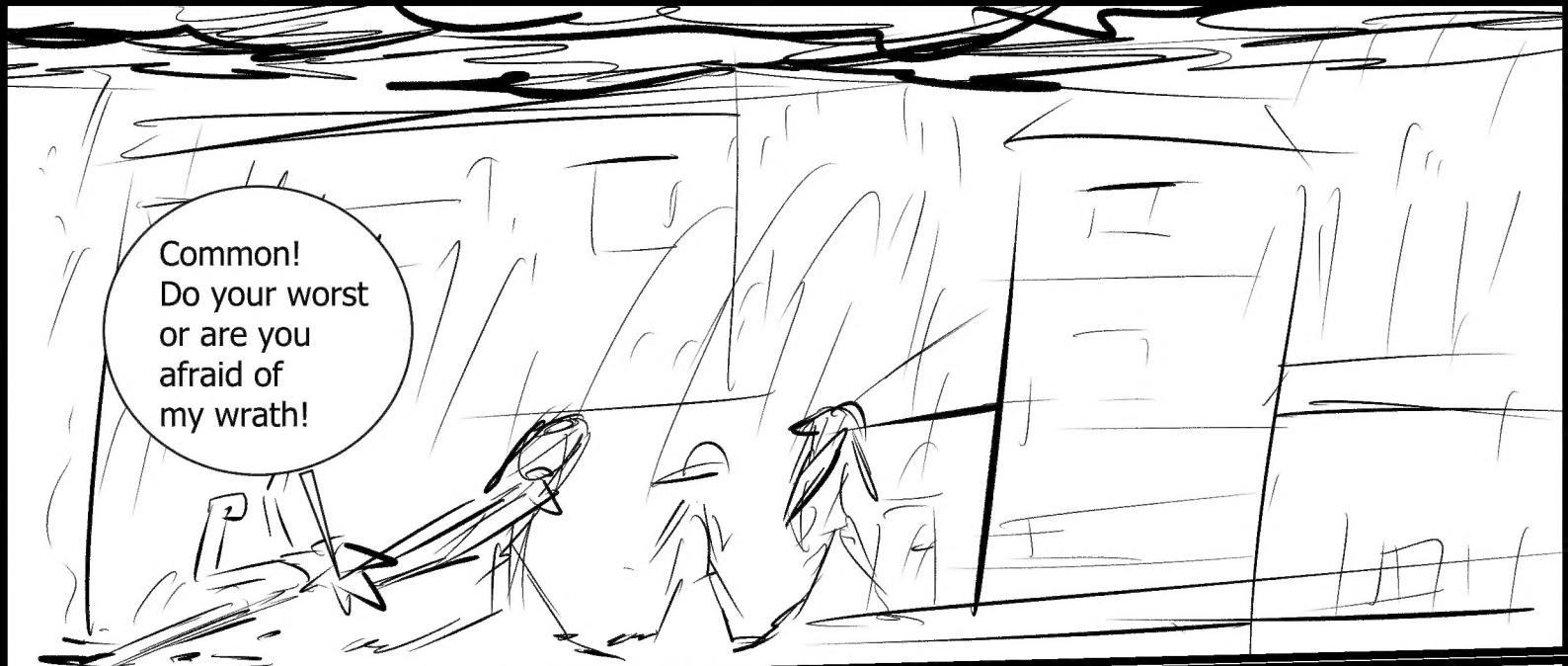
Isn't lightning supposed to hit the tallest person first? Then that means...



Let's all run to the nearest flat!!!

Please Black*Star don't jinx it!

Think I'm afraid of that little zap?! My weakest wavelength attack packs more of a punch! And it doesn't miss too!



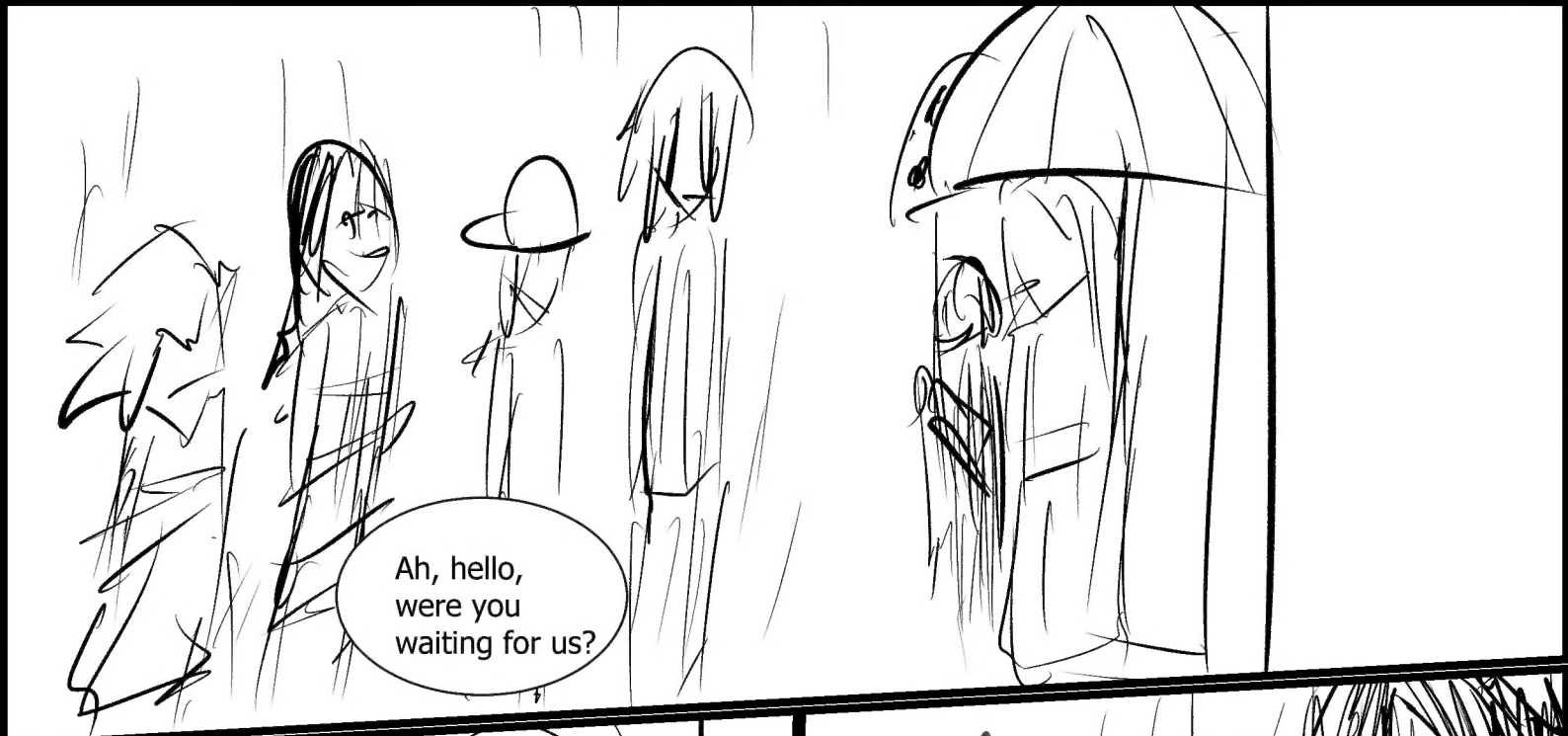
Common!
Do your worst
or are you
afraid of
my wrath!



Is that-



Patty, Kid and Liz?



Ah, hello,
were you
waiting for us?



Kid wanted
something,
normally that
wouldn't be
a reason for
me to go out
in such a
weather but
with this
being the
first time
he decided
to leave his
room...



Wait, so you
weren't skipping
school 'cause of
some super secret
mission?!

I bet he
had a good
reason for
it Black*Star...

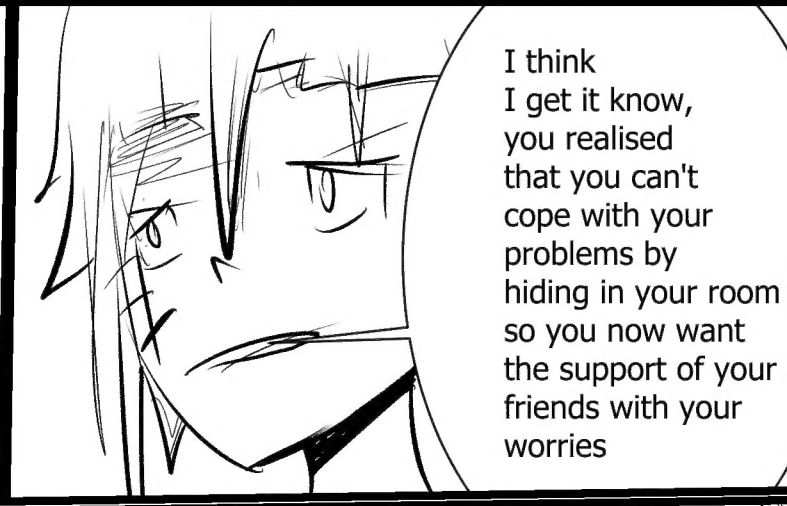


No I was just in
my room, playing
with my old toys!

It's not like
I'm in a rush
to complete
school!



Ok...



I think
I get it know,
you realised
that you can't
cope with your
problems by
hiding in your room
so you now want
the support of your
friends with your
worries

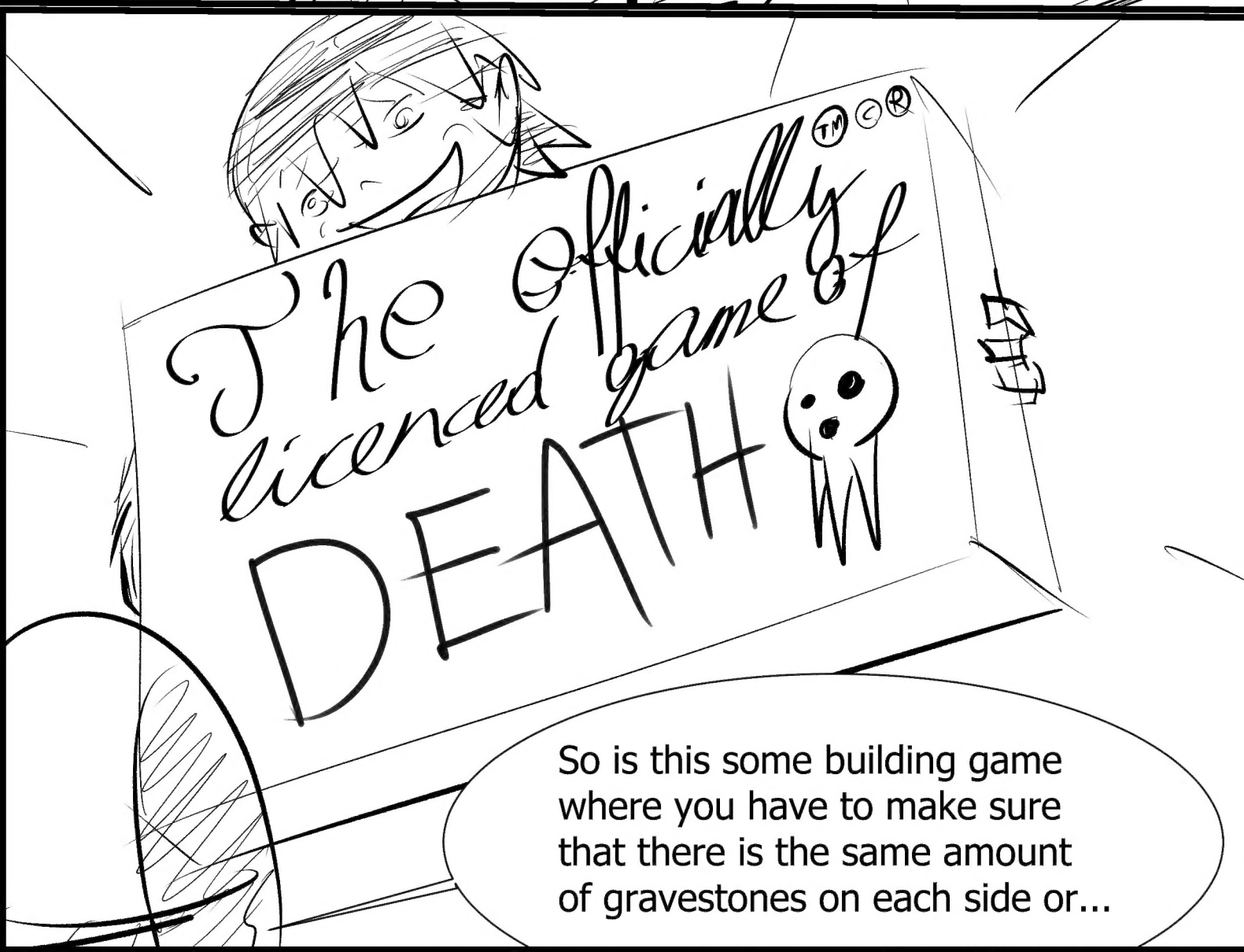


Haha, no!

I just
got a new
boardgame...

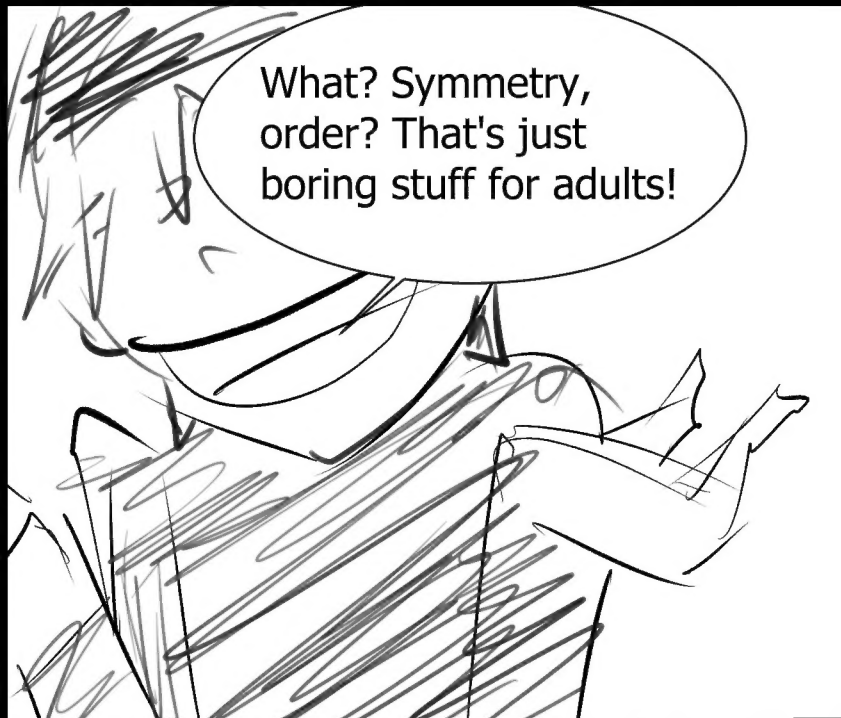


And I needed more
people for it!




The OfficiallyTM licenced game of[©]
DEATH[®]

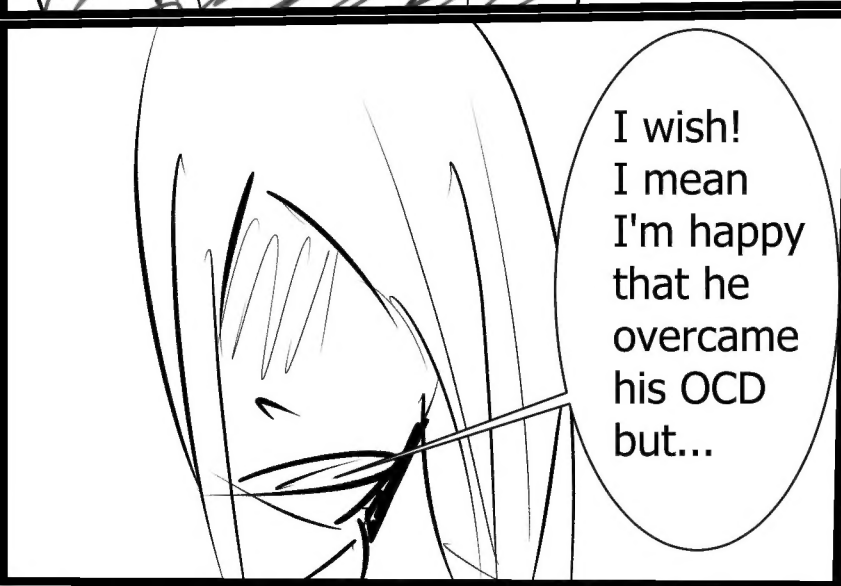
So is this some building game
where you have to make sure
that there is the same amount
of gravestones on each side or...




What? Symmetry,
order? That's just
boring stuff for adults!



Tsubaki, transform!
This must be some
kind of evil-doppelganger
we are dealing with!



I wish!
I mean
I'm happy
that he
overcame
his OCD
but...




Seeing
him act
like this
is just weird
and that's
saying something
knowing him!


Come on
come on
let's play
let's play!



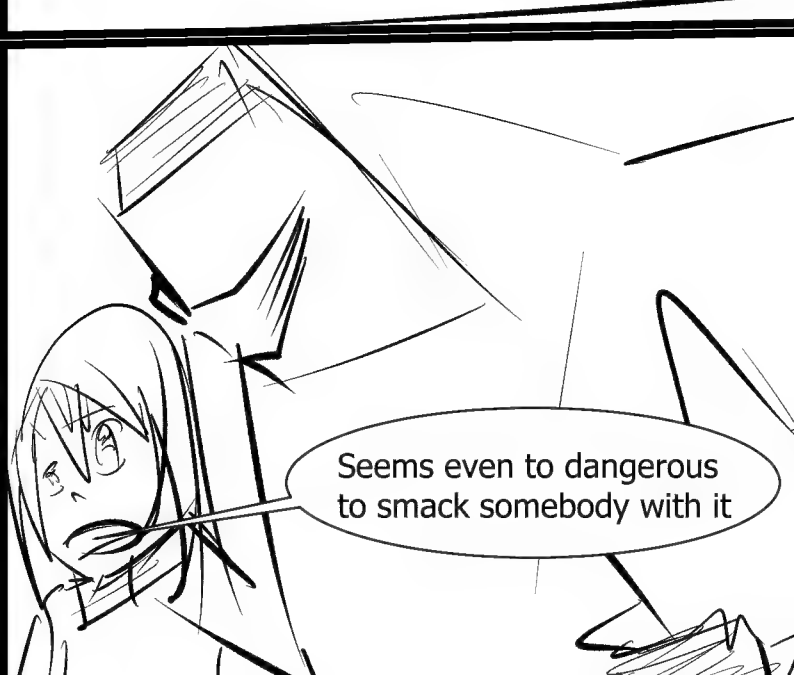
SMACK



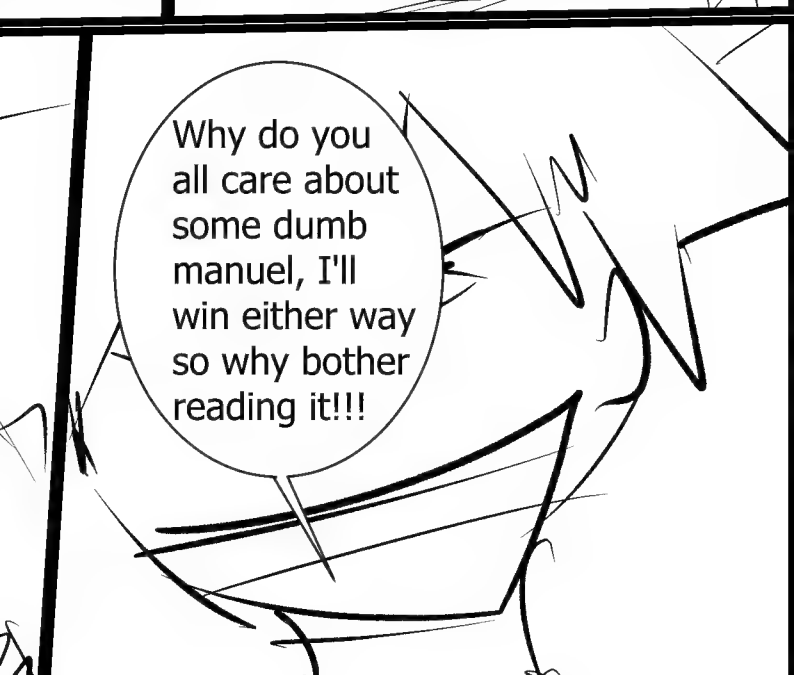
Is this all
the homework
you missed?
We can help
you with that



Don't be silly,
it's just the
rule book!



Seems even to dangerous
to smack somebody with it




Why do you
all care about
some dumb
manuel, I'll
win either way
so why bother
reading it!!!



Hahaha!

Yeah, it's
like reading
the side-effects
of medicine -
for chumps!

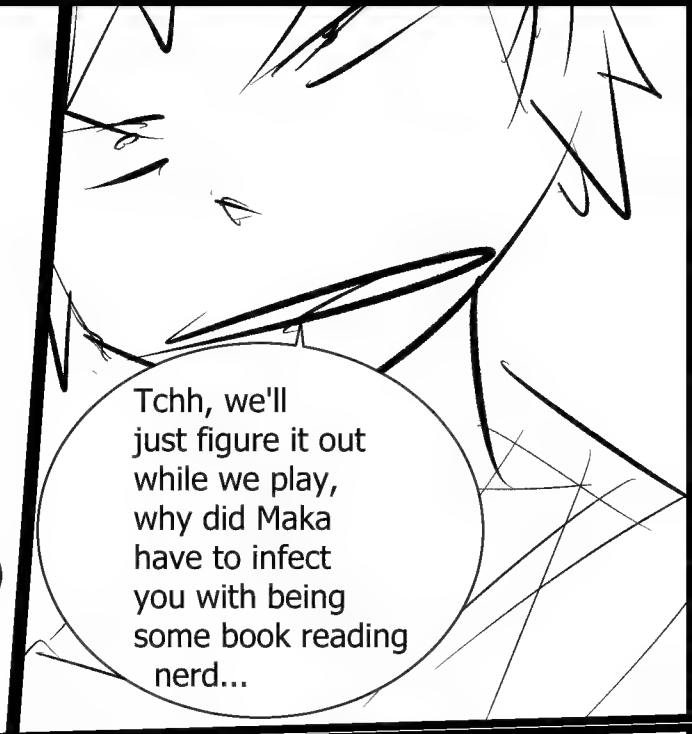
Win...



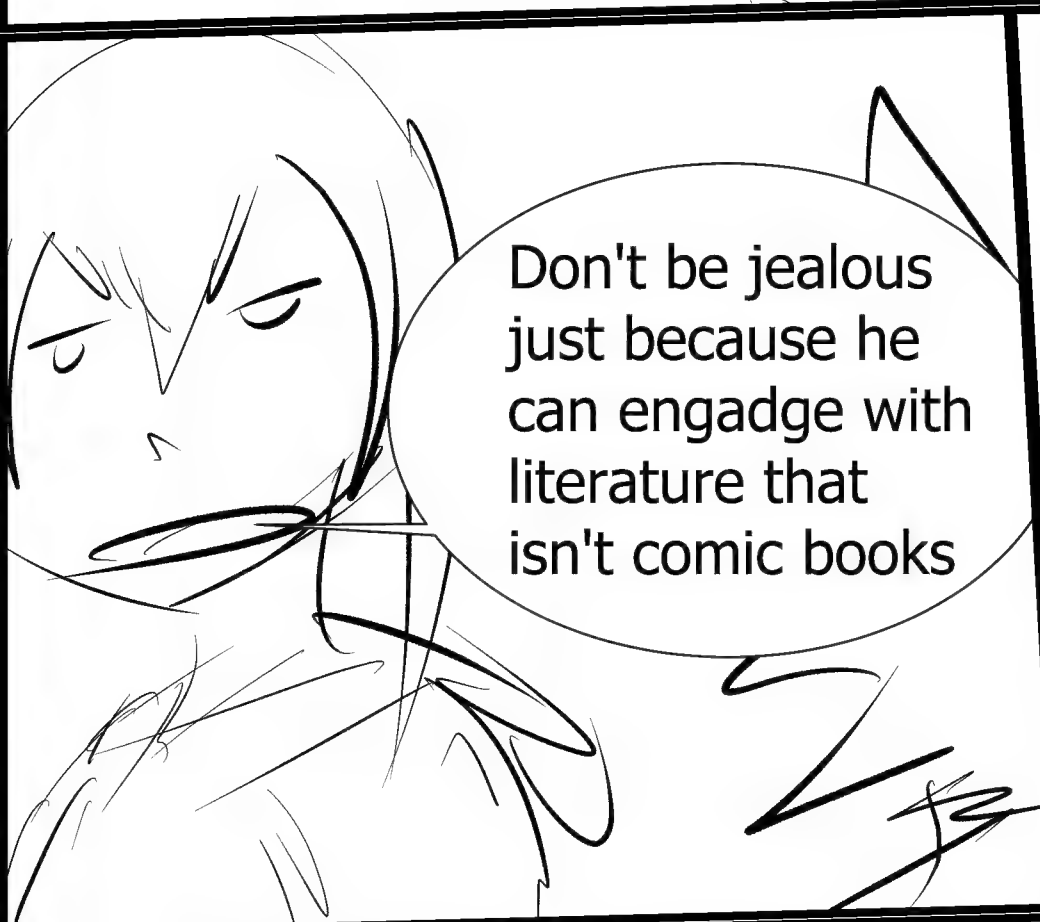
If the price of
loosing is that
step...
I have to start
winning not just
for me but for
the people I care
for!



Good luck reading
all that!



Tchh, we'll
just figure it out
while we play,
why did Maka
have to infect
you with being
some book reading
nerd...



Don't be jealous
just because he
can engage with
literature that
isn't comic books



I mean, why bother reading
something that doesn't even
have pretty pictures?



Can I read it too?

Ah y-yes ofcourse

When will you
dorks get it,
it doesn't matter
how much you
try, because I'm-

Yikes...

Pew pew
the plane
goes boom!

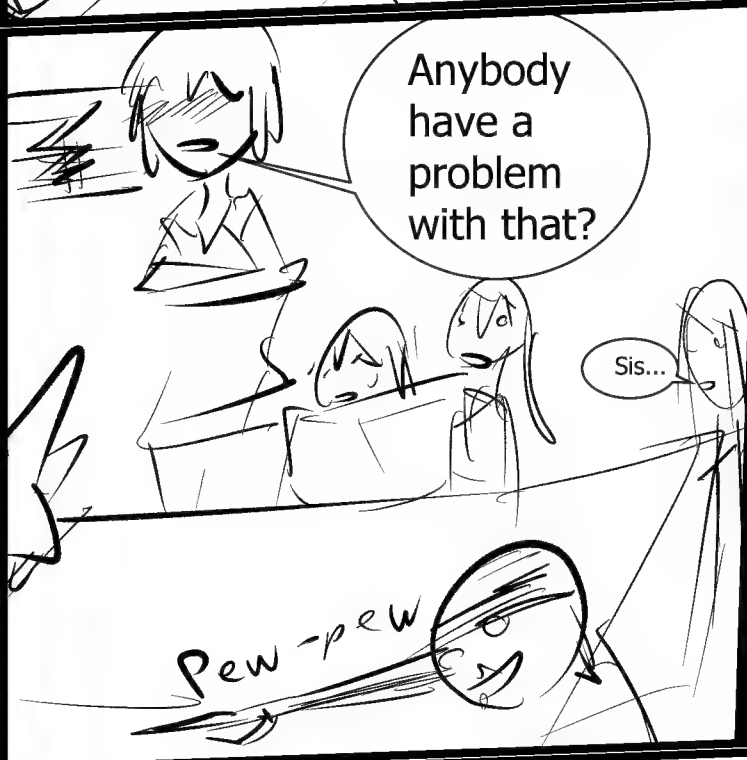


I'm gonna win!



Haha, don't be crazy Patty!

I am and that's why I'm gonna win!



Anybody have a problem with that?

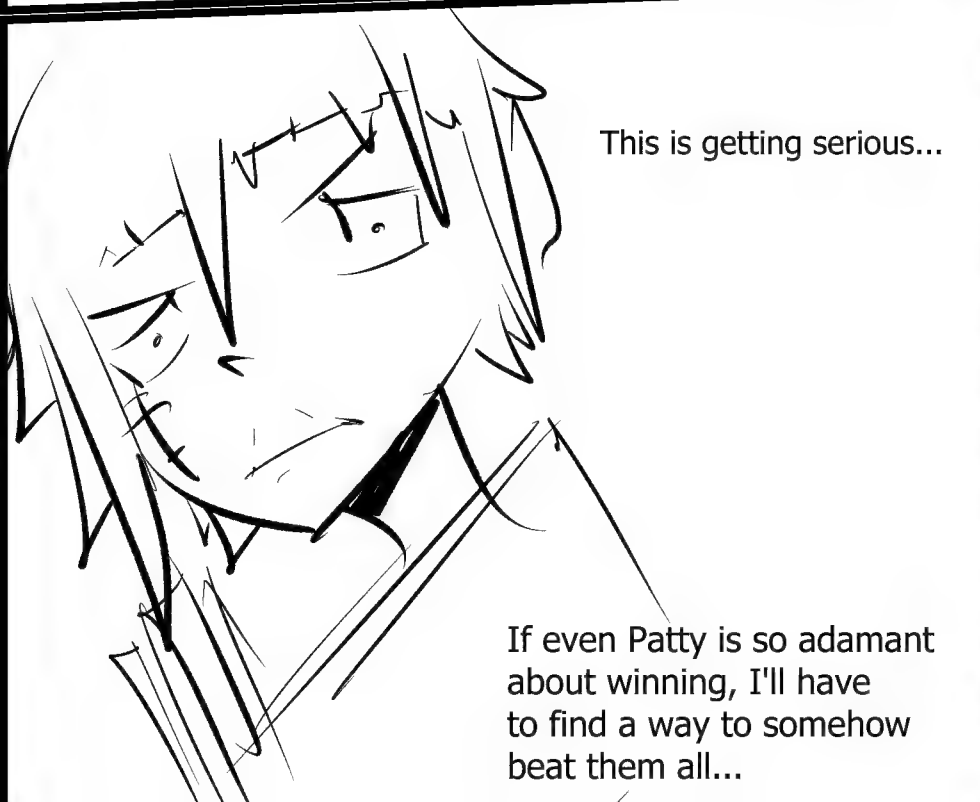
Sis...

Pew-pew



No no, it's more fun to crush the overconfident

So no more empty words, I'll let my actions speak for themselves



This is getting serious...

If even Patty is so adamant about winning, I'll have to find a way to somehow beat them all...

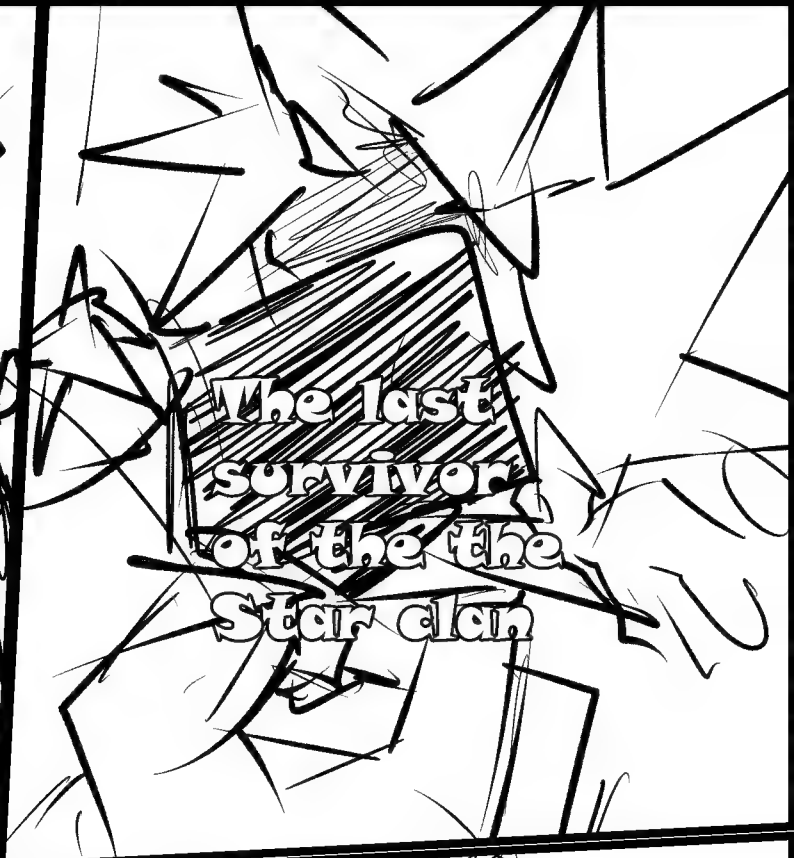
But how...
I AM a loser...
If I can't even speak in front of the class without stuttering,



how can I not mess up here?!
Against them...



The son of the
grim reaper
himself



The last
survivor
of the the
Star clan



The dark blade
with a thousand
forms



The twin terrors
of the big apple



and finally...
the one who
defeated the
kishin with
a single punch
...



Maka, the same person who believed in me...

the same person, who because of my fault
gets put in danger and nearly-



No! I can't even think about it,
but if that is the consequence of
failure...



There must be a way....

Exploit their weaknesses, that
is the first thing you must do
when you are outmatched...
Never reveal your capabilities
unless you know that you can
give the killing blow...



Hmm.. I heard
something like
that before...

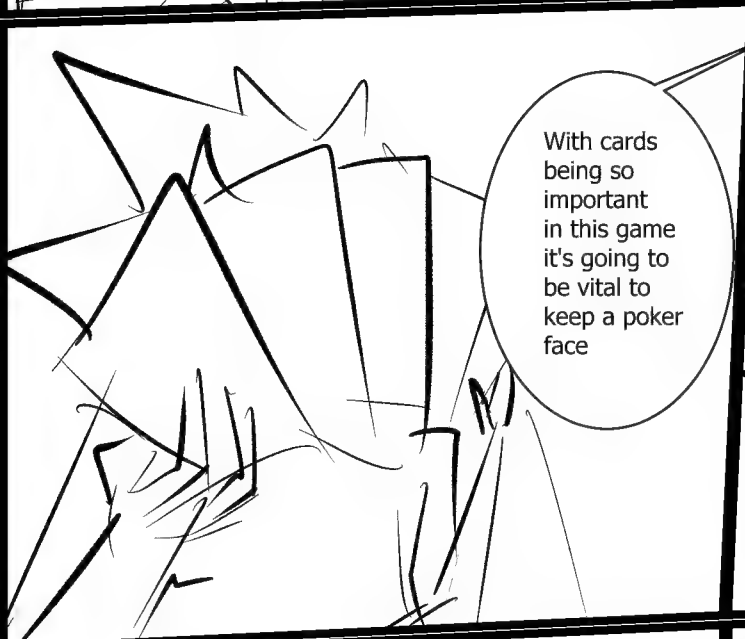
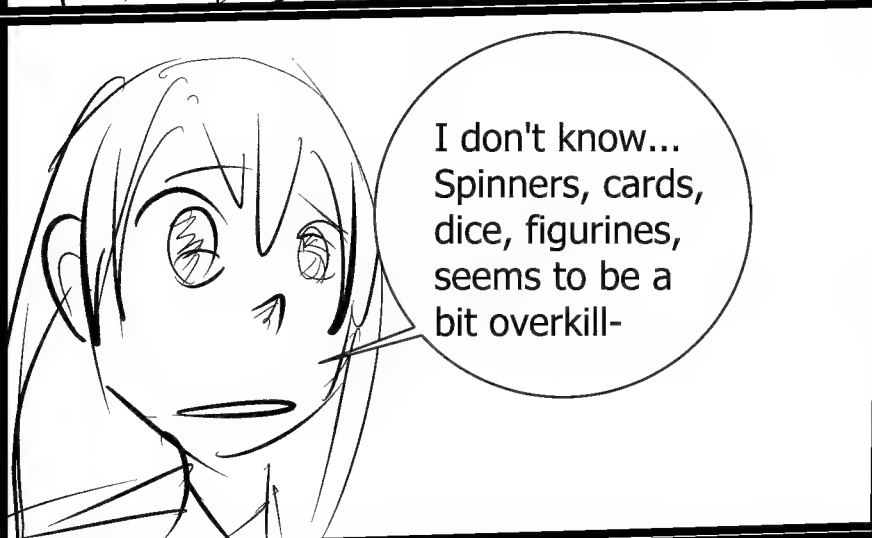
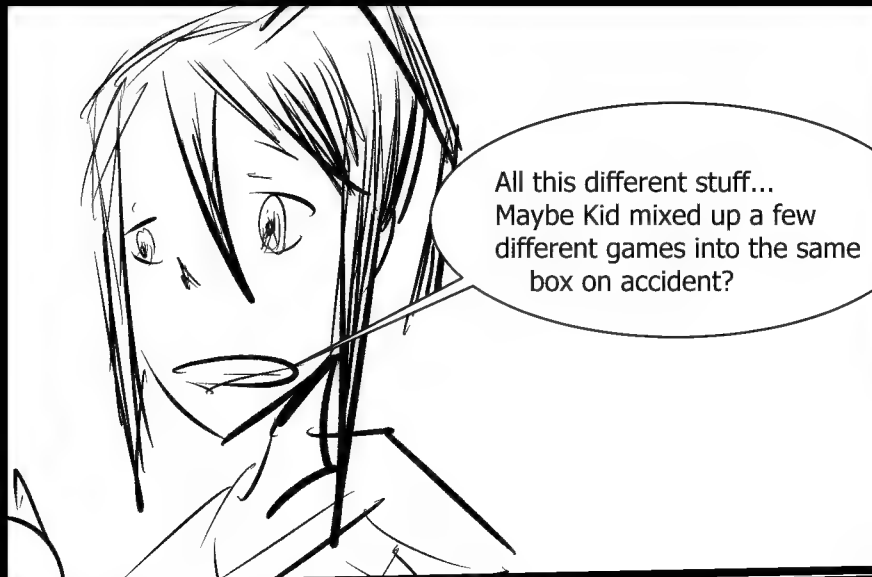
It makes sense,
people don't see
weaklings as a
threat...

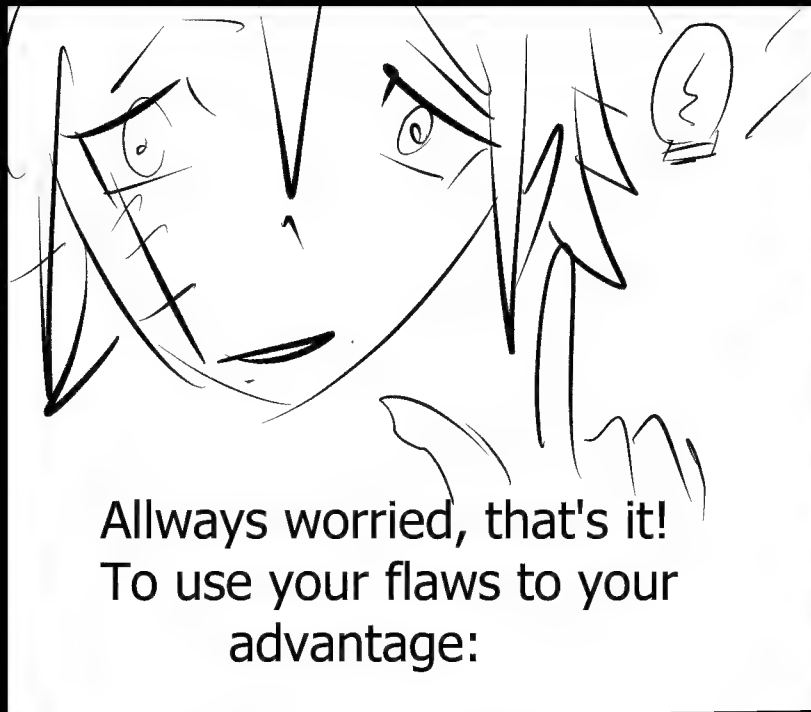
How much stuff
is their in this box?



I just have to understand the game, see their mistakes before
they realise and then act! Easier said than done...







Allways worried, that's it!
To use your flaws to your
advantage:

Because I'm allways, a "ball of anxiety" as the others say...



They won't be able to read me and won't know what cards I have

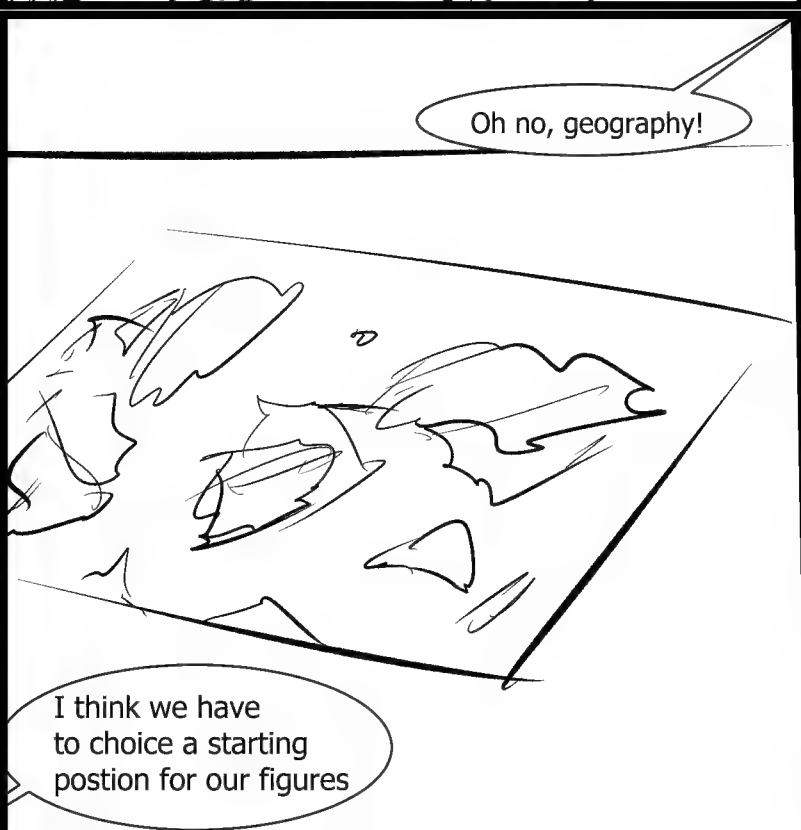


Are yout cards
that bad?

He probably
is just worried
about if he
put the toilet
paper roll back
on the "right"
way!



It worked!



Oh no, geography!

I think we have
to choice a starting
postion for our figures

A map of the world as a gameboard...



Just like our missions, we can be anywhere on the globe...

So many countrys... Can I deal with getting an overview of it all?...

At the end it is just a game, so there aren't really all countries on it, just bigger and more known regions....

CANADA

Blackstar will just pick America to show his dominance not thinking if it is the best strategy...

USA



Should I place my token first...
That could seem to suspicious...
No I have to predict where they would place their pieces, if I can't do that then the game would be lost from the start...

Patty likes animals, so she would just pick the middle of Africa, Congo, especially because it has a name that she would find silly and say something like "haha that sounds like that drum!"



Tsubaki... could she pick Japan, just because of a sense of honor and pride and a bit of homesickness...

Liz... She doesn't seem to really care about the game... So maybe she is gonna just put her token on France because of all the fashion?



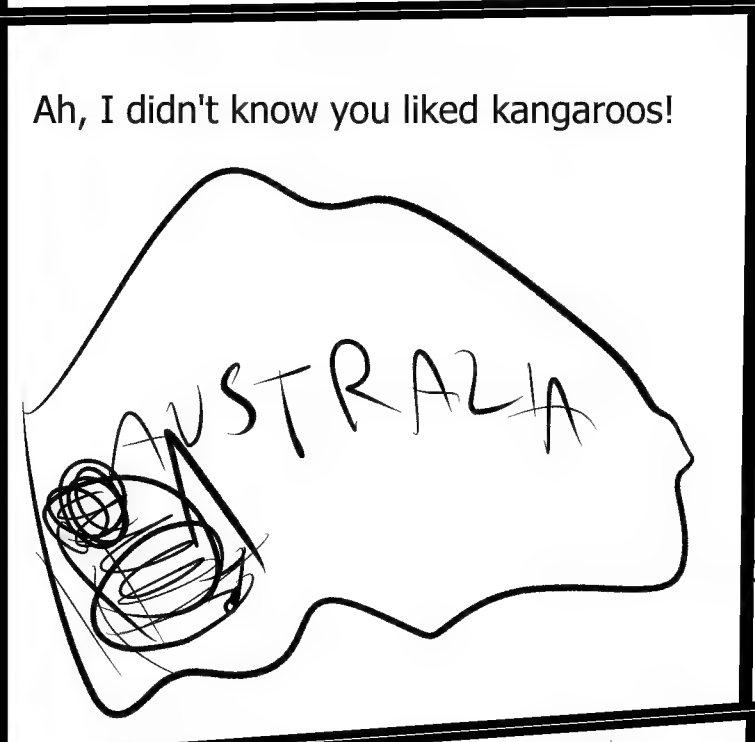
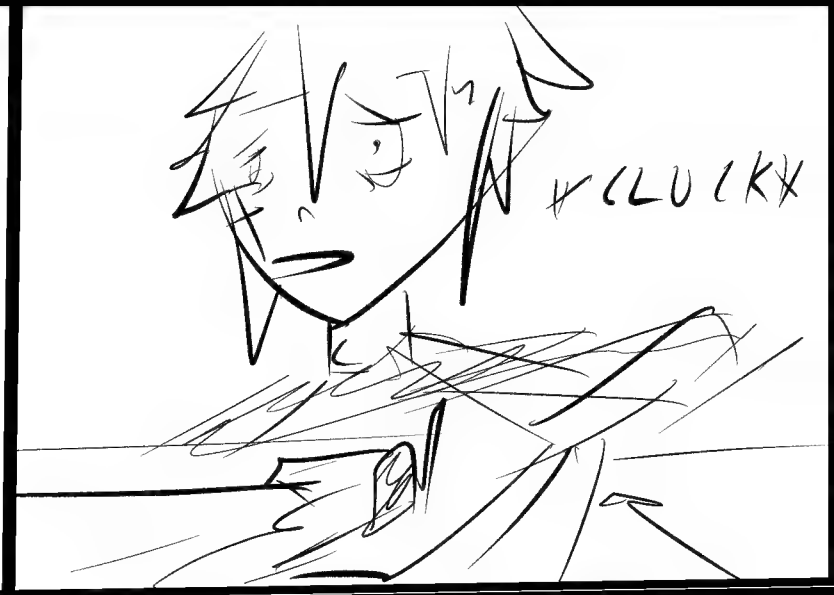
Kid, his current behavior may be different, but atleast subconsciously he has a preference for the same as before... And if 8s and symmetry is not available... Maybe the middle... Ah middle east... I hope...

I like the plane!

Maka... Even now I can feel how she is worried about Soul... She probably wants to be close to him even in this board game as strange as it sounds... And his family currently lives in Canada...

So if I predicted everything correctly...

I have to pick..



I need a bad first
roll so people
don't focus
on me from the start

Let's see...

Oh that sucks

Haha, how can
anybody win
with bad luck
like that?

I-I guess
I basically
already lost
before the
game began...

Nonsense, it's still just the start
of the game, I'm sure you can
still turn it around!

I feel bad for making
Maka think that I
actually feel bad...
Perfect for the plan!

My turn...
hmm.. where
should I start...
I have a free
attack card letting
me engage with
anywhere on the
map...

No, that would
just be mean...

Hmm... how about
Kid, get ready for
battle!

My card says,
you can choose
one of yours
to defend with

Haha then you
will lose against
my powerful card!

Just attack me,
I'm gonna lose
anyways so why
don't make it quick..

Mine is stronger by 0,000...1

I win this round

Stupid game!

And so the game went on...

Can you move in that way?

Careful with the dice so they don't fall under the sofa!

Nothing unusual...

Everything..

Boy, for a licensed game these cards sure feel cheap!

Just as I had predicted...

Liz, it's your turn

Yeah, whatever

And nobody suspected me..

Hmm... should I play it...

Safe until..

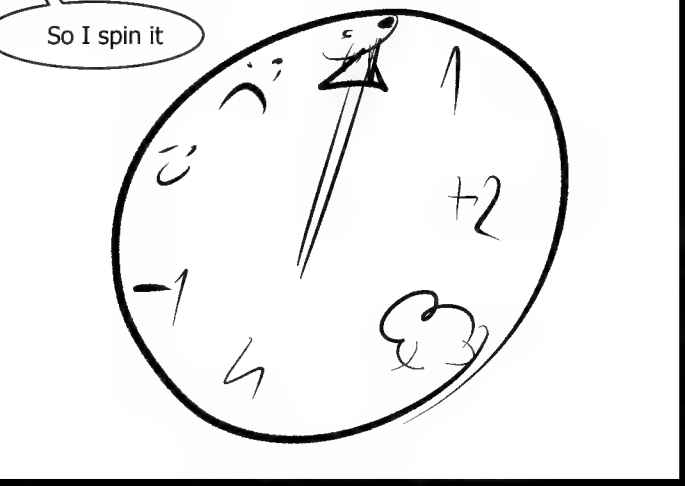
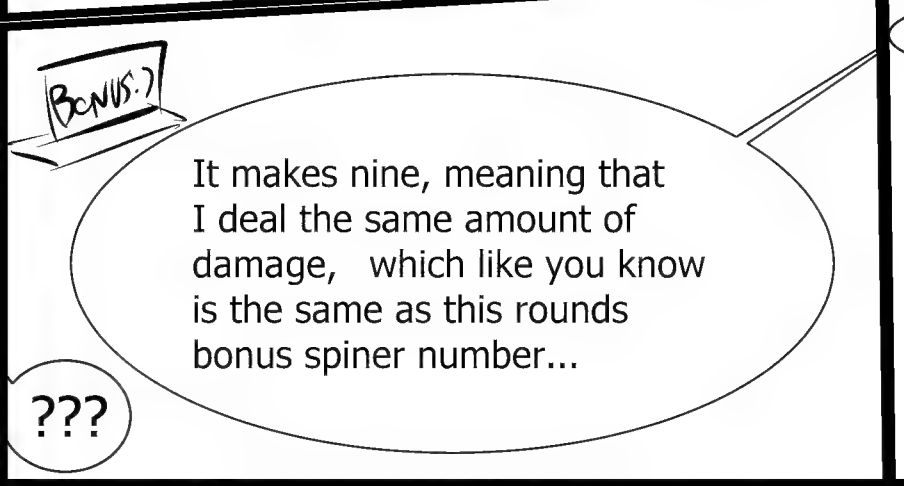
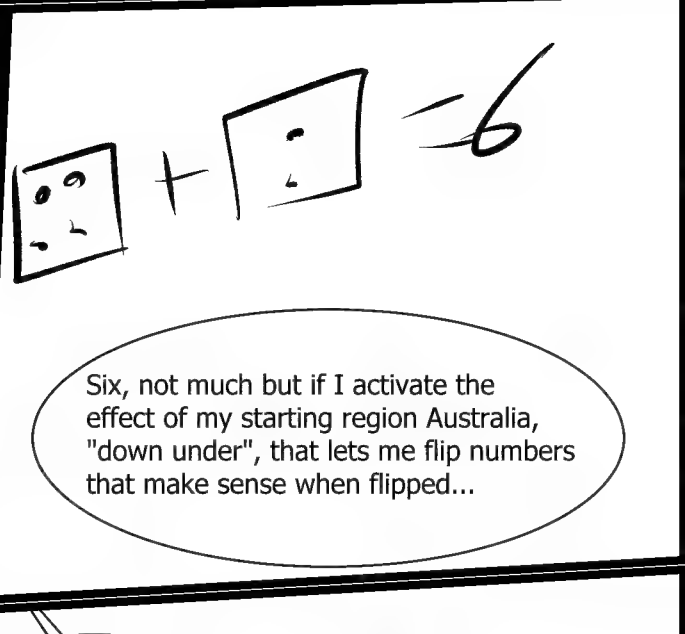
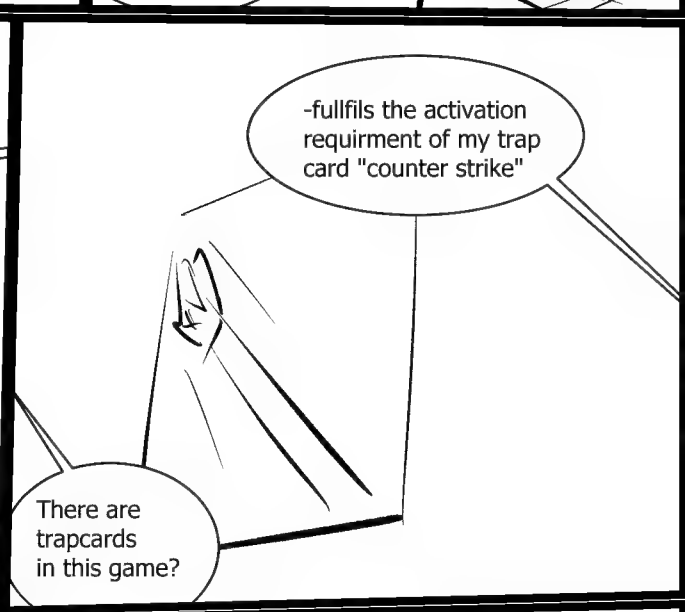
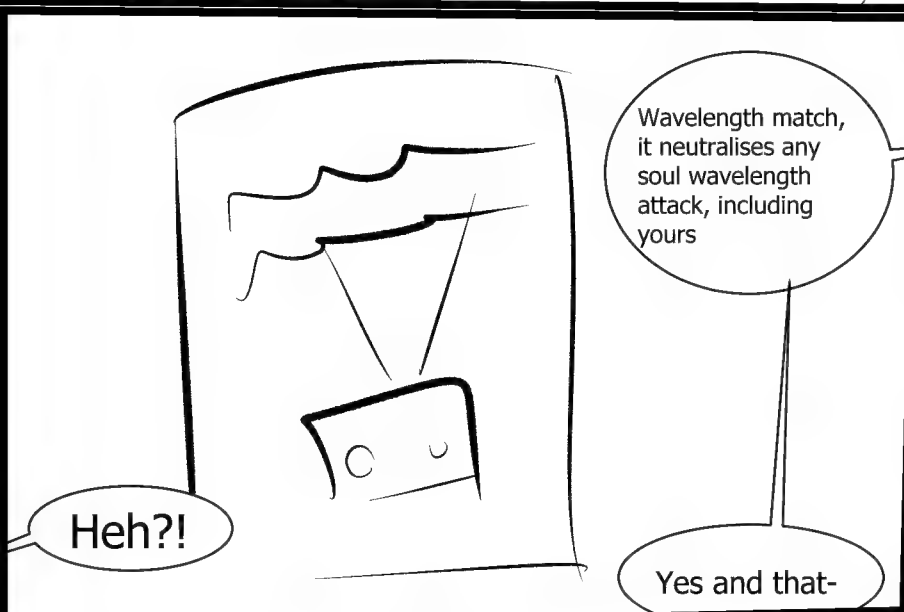
Hurry up Maka!

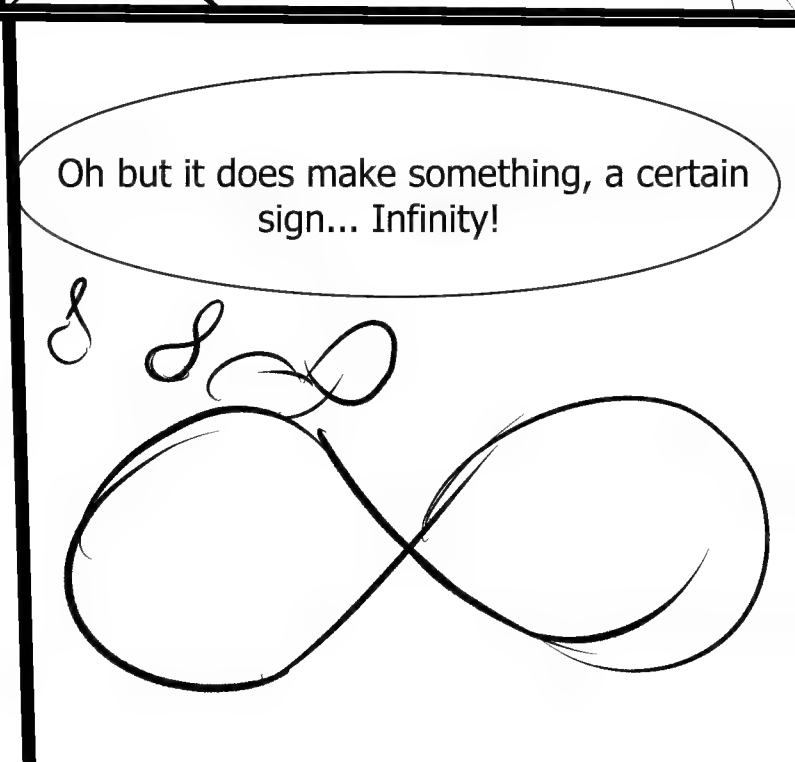
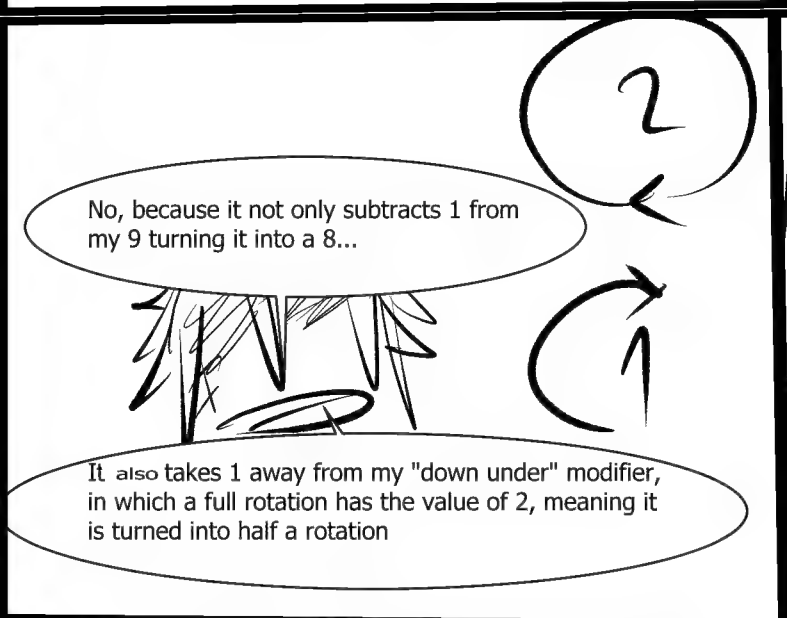
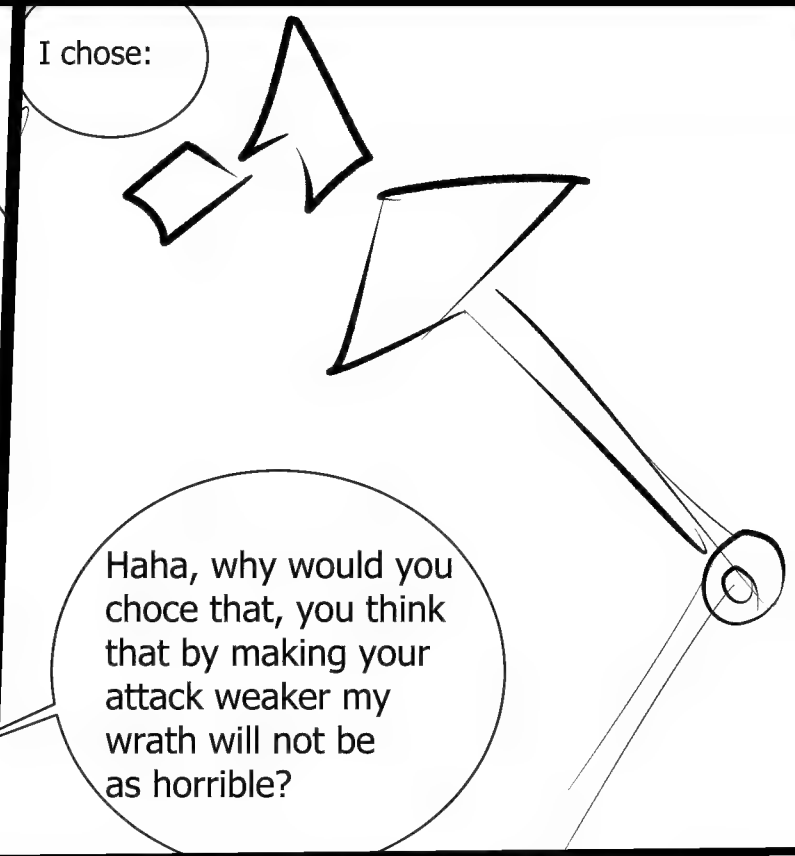
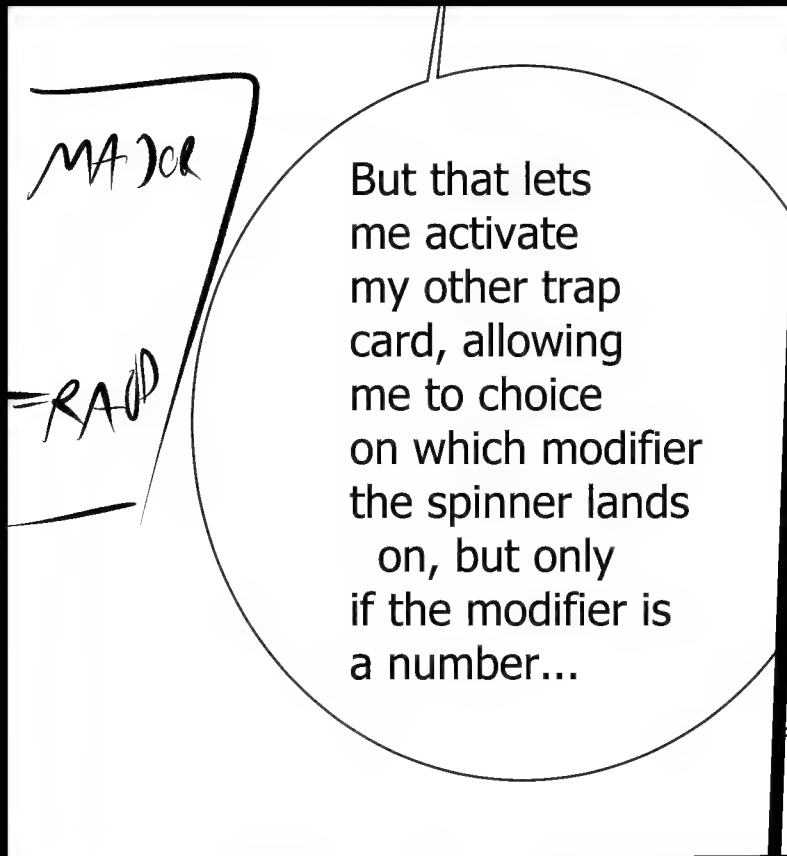
Maybe later?

Perfect!

Who wants to get zapped and punched at the same time!?

P-please not me! I will be close to losing if-







Wait, that means...

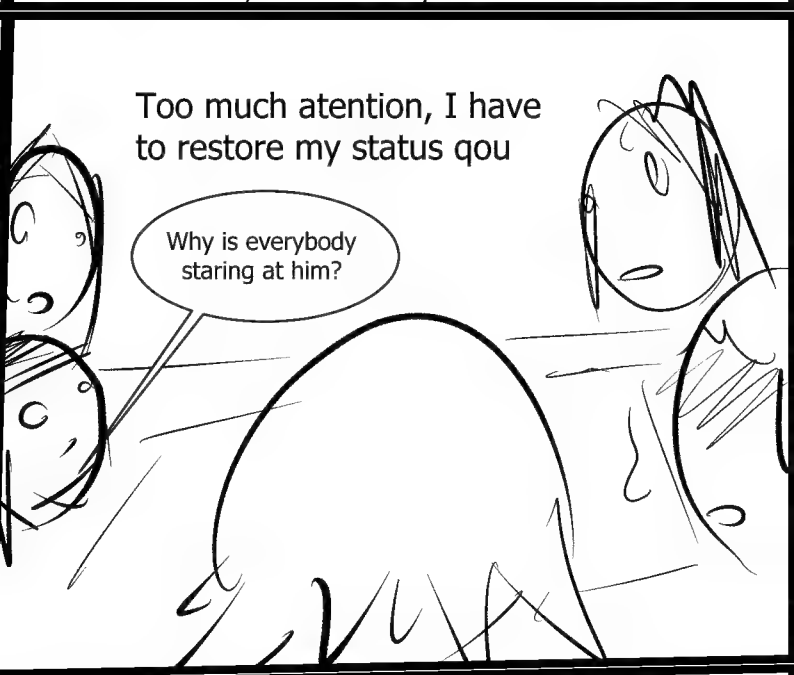


Yes, you lost



Stupid board game, more like boring game!

Don't worry Black*Star, I'm sure you will be able to come up with a better pun next time when you win



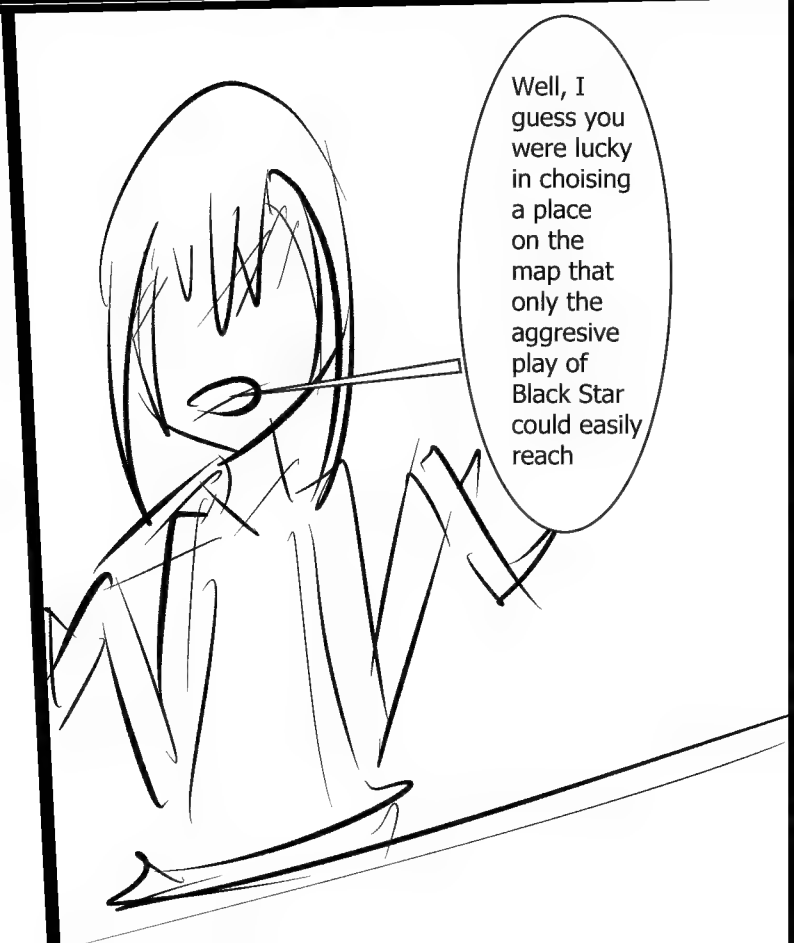
Too much attention, I have to restore my status qou

Why is everybody staring at him?




Oh no...
I used up all my cards...
I can be defeated easily by anybody now...


I don't think this will work...
So the fear of it not working will make my fake anxiety seem genuine!



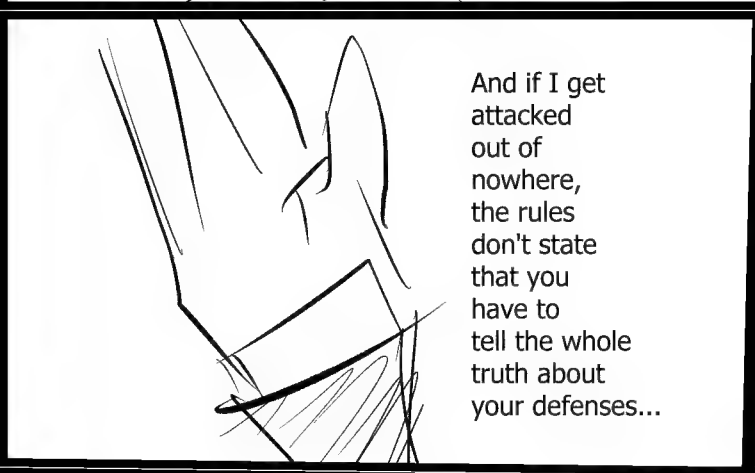
Well, I guess you were lucky in choising a place on the map that only the aggressive play of Black Star could easily reach



Yeah lucky...
I'm known
for that
afterall..




With Black Star out and
people not having their
eyes on me anymore,
I can recover without
worry...



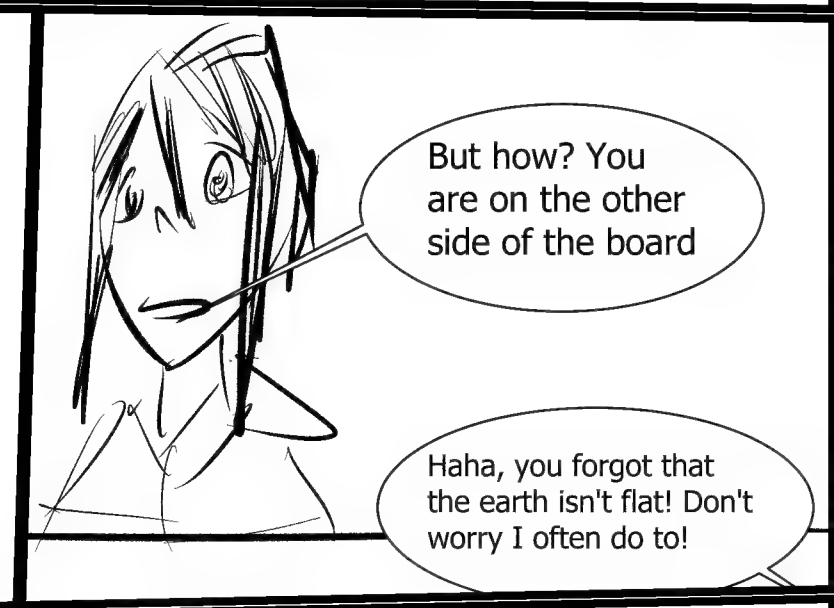
And if I get
attacked
out of
nowhere,
the rules
don't state
that you
have to
tell the whole
truth about
your defenses...



My turn!

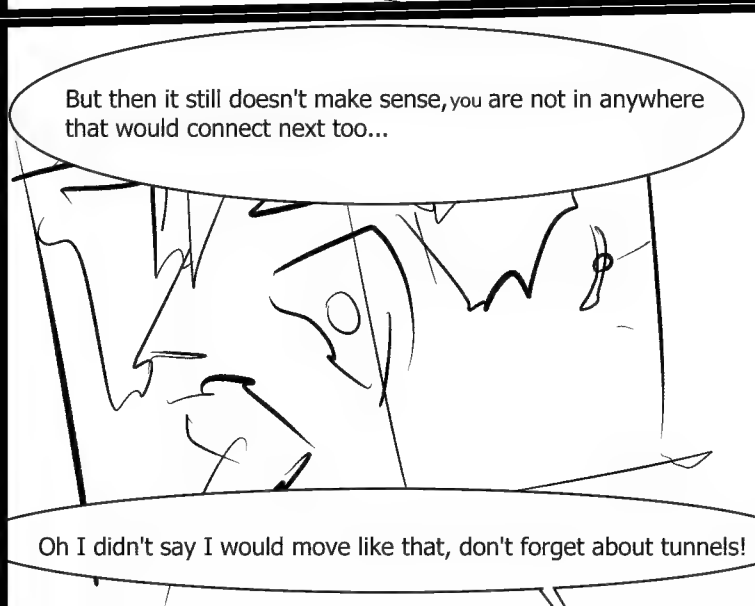


You are going down,
Tsubaki!




But how? You
are on the other
side of the board

Haha, you forgot that
the earth isn't flat! Don't
worry I often do to!



But then it still doesn't make sense, you are not in anywhere
that would connect next too...



Wha-what?!

Yep, for
some reason
works just
there, I guess
all the precious
metal excavations
lead to some strange
places!

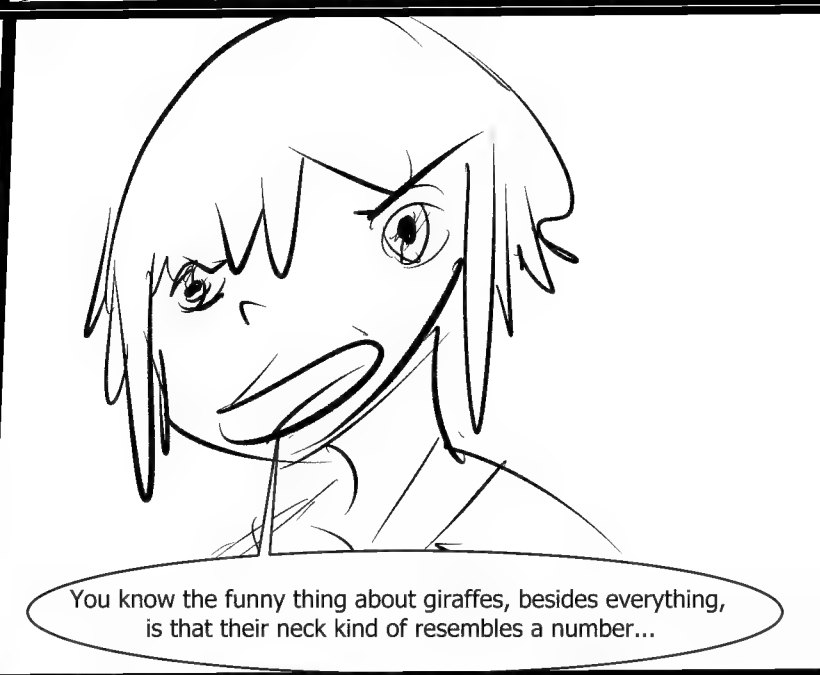
Well even if I
don't quite understand
how this works, I am
ready for the showdown!
You didn't even try to
hide your cards so I
know what to expect!

Oh I didn't say I would move like that, don't forget about tunnels!



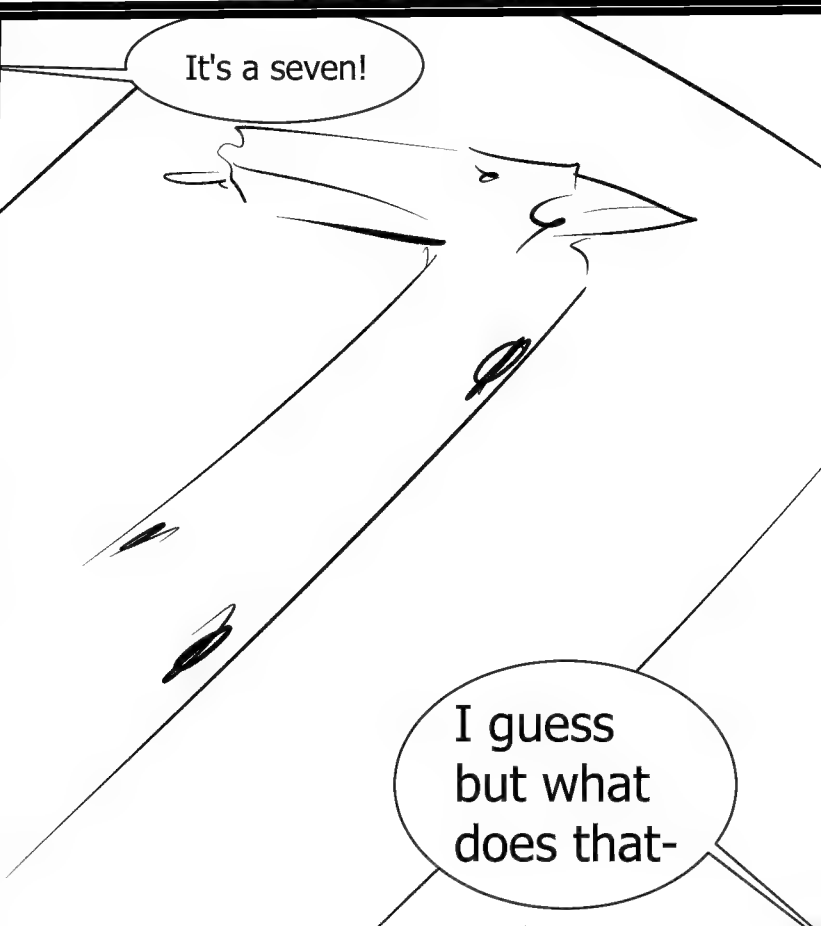
Oldest
card
trick
you
learn
in the
streets!

Eh, it's actually
simple, I just
hid the card behind
the others-

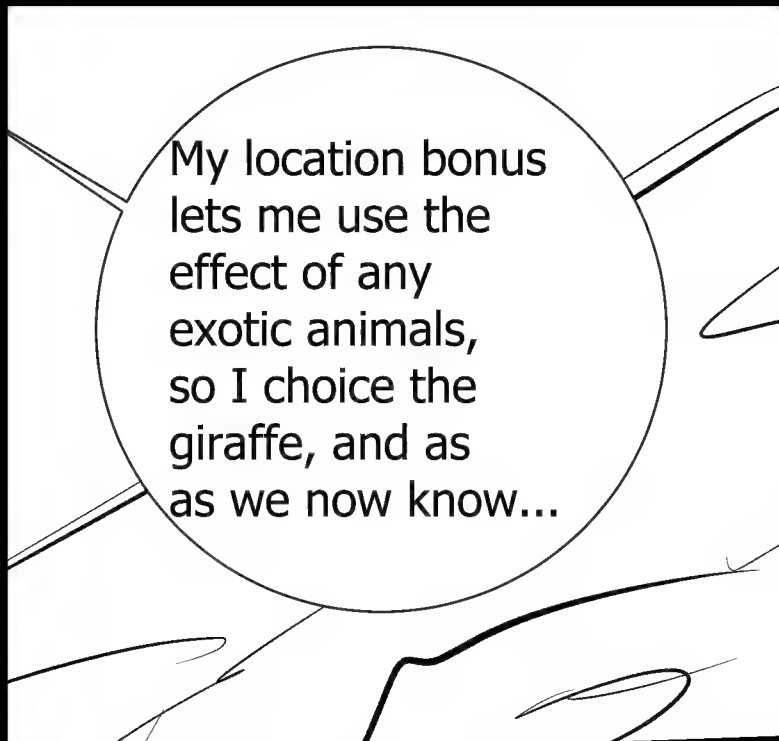


The number 1...


But if just turn it a bit...



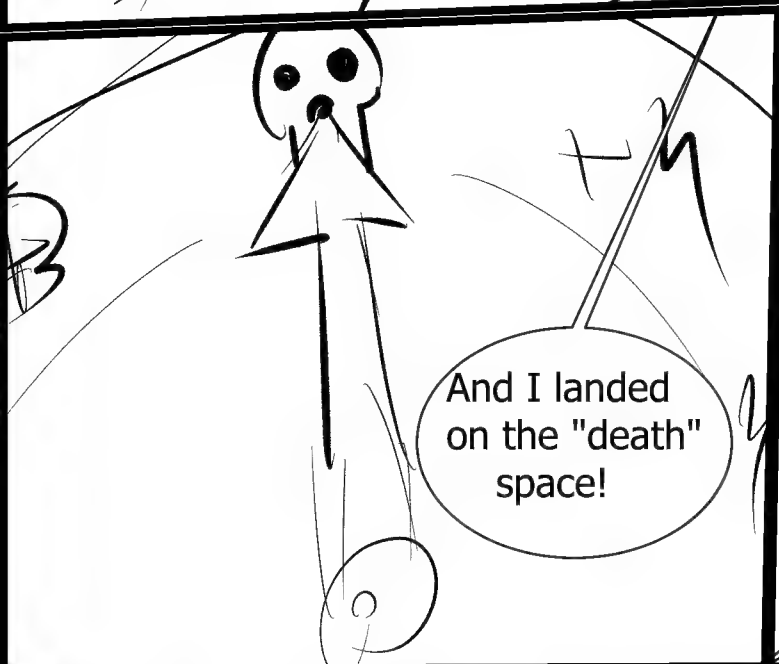
I guess
but what
does that-




My location bonus lets me use the effect of any exotic animals, so I choice the giraffe, and as as we now know...



The giraffe means 7, like a lucky seven, so I can spin the funny wheel too!

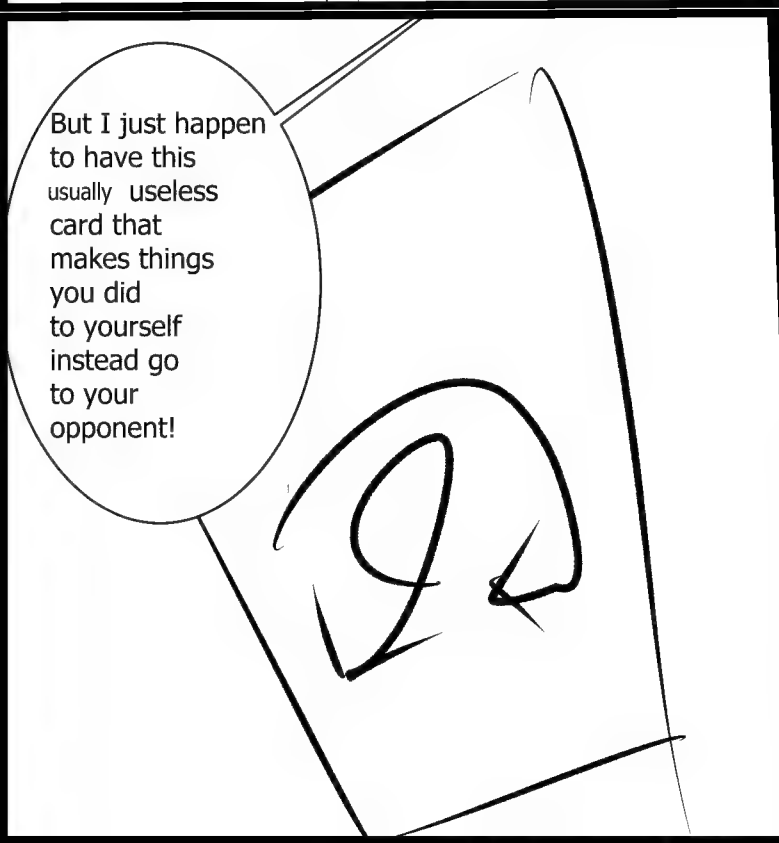


And I landed on the "death" space!



Normally, that would mean that I just lost hehe ups!

Classic Patty..



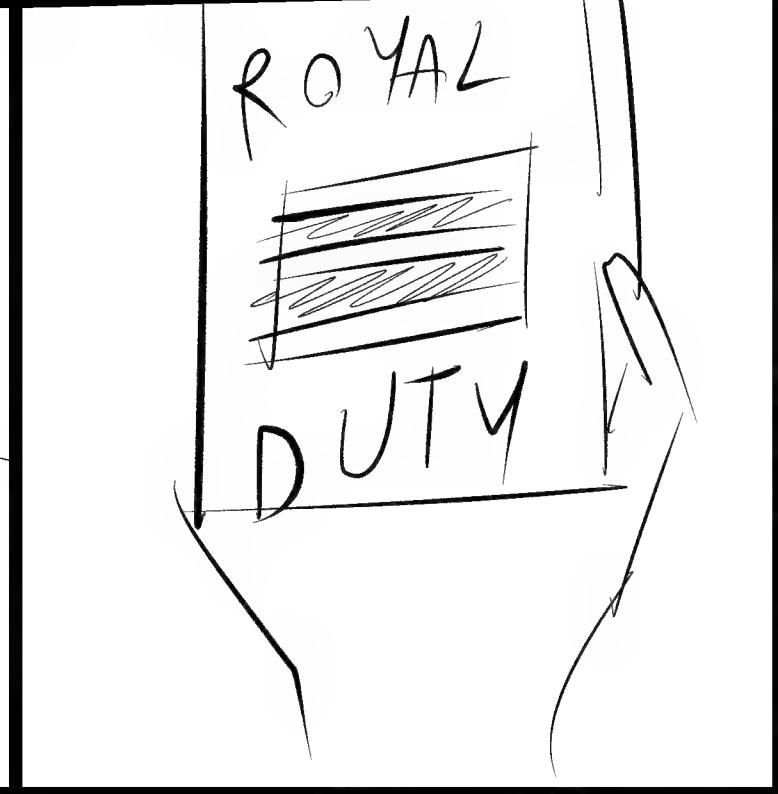
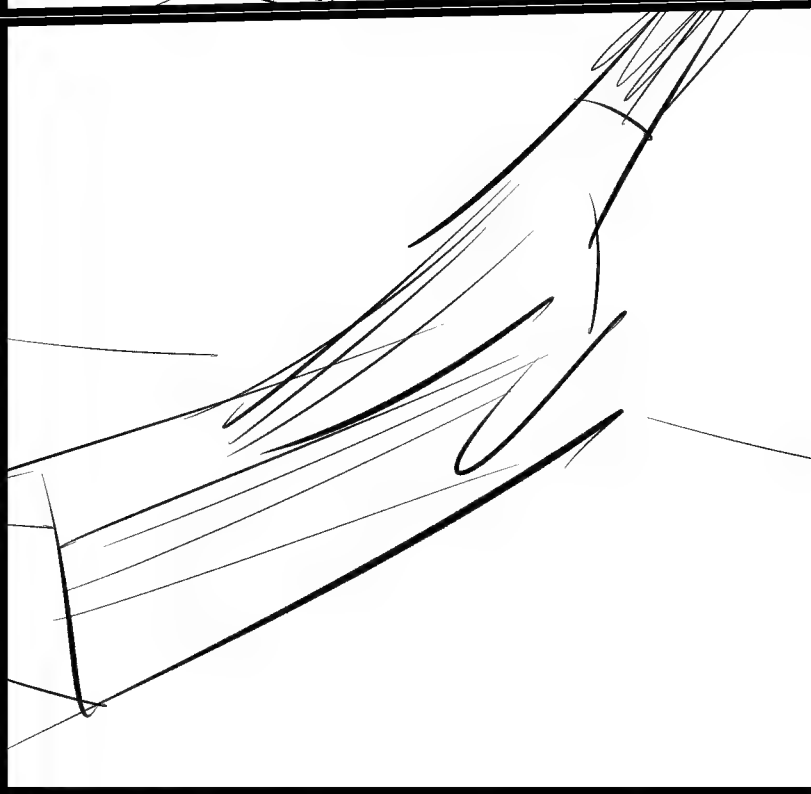
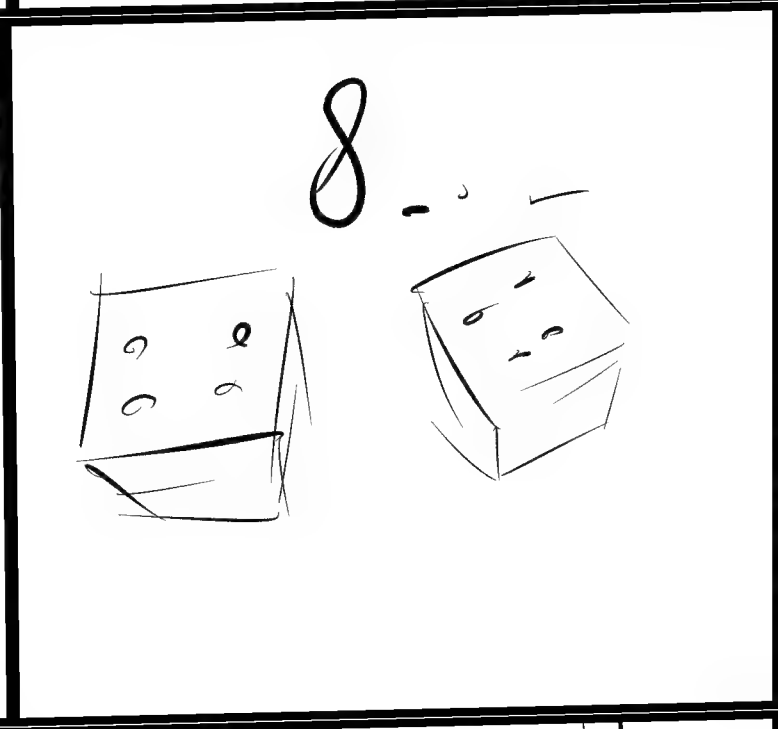
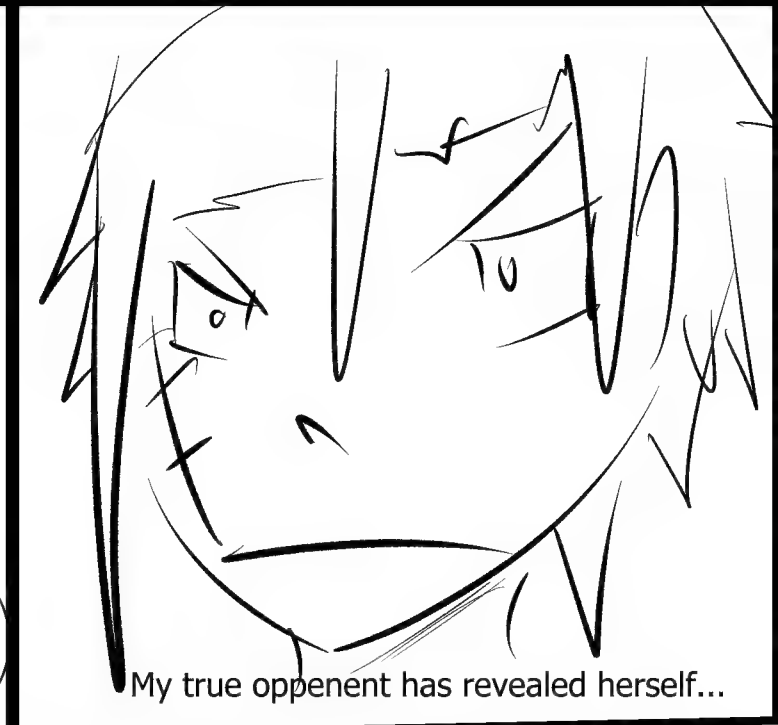
But I just happen to have this usually useless card that makes things you did to yourself instead go to your opponent!



So actually you lost!

Wait, that can't be true?

Sorry Tsubaki, it says so in the manuel, Patty must have known the rules well





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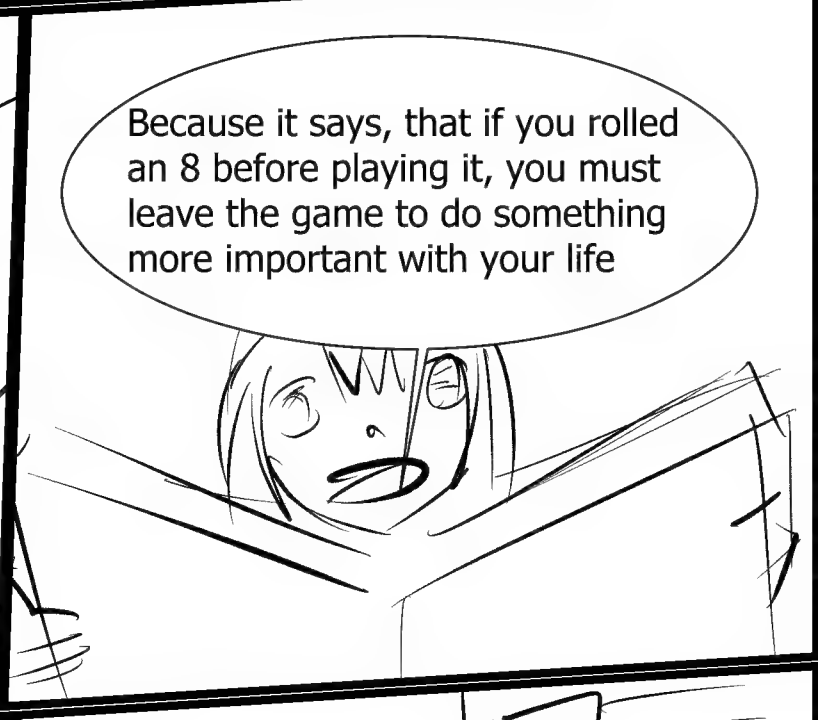


Is this game
mocking me!?



So you play the card or not?

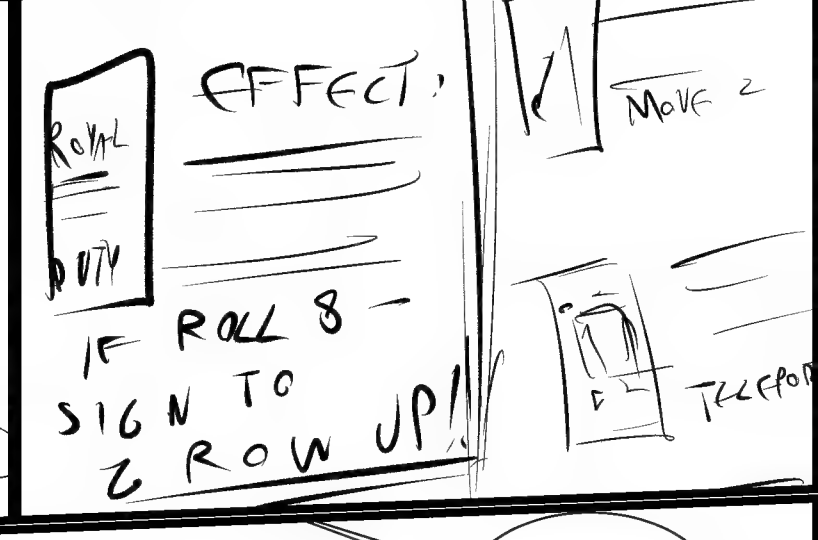
Yeah whatever!



Because it says, that if you rolled
an 8 before playing it, you must
leave the game to do something
more important with your life



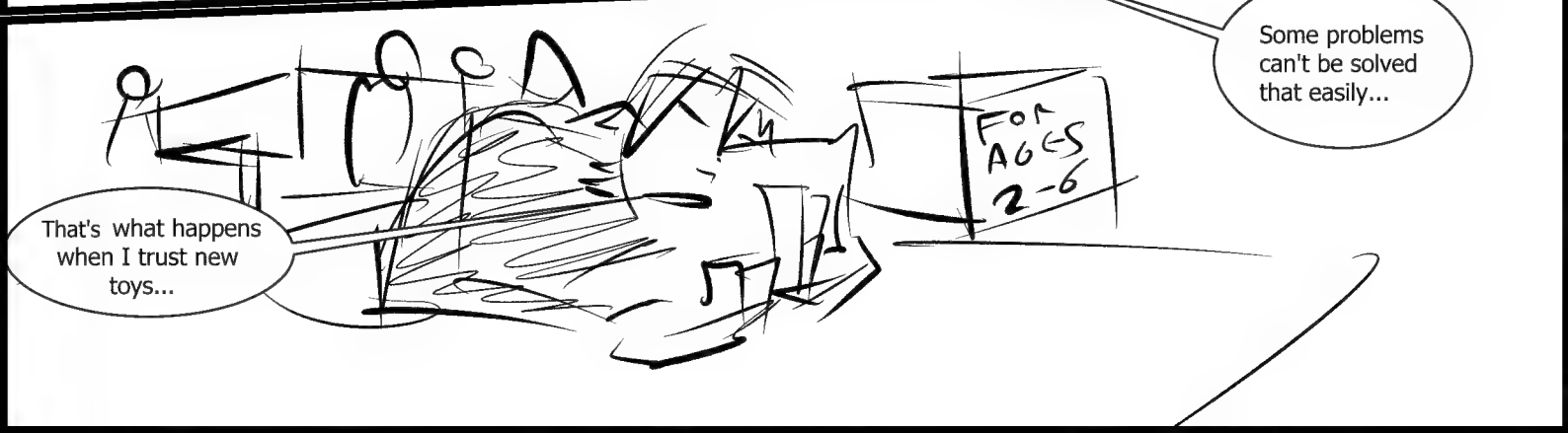
That can't-



EFFECT:
IF ROLL 8 -
SIGN TO
CROW UP!

MOVE 2


TELEPORT



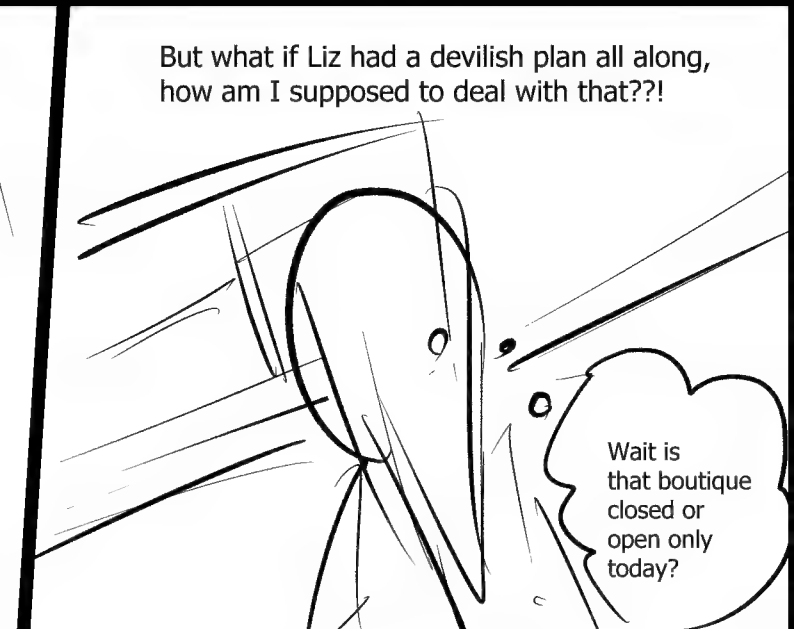
That's what happens
when I trust new
toys...

Some problems
can't be solved
that easily...

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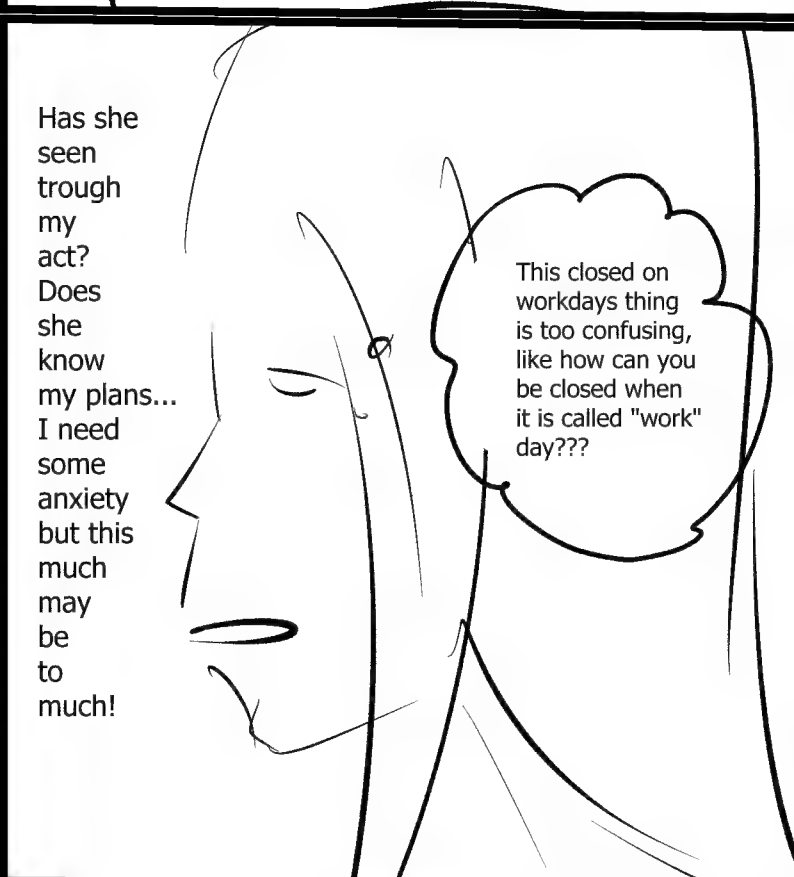


Kid out
to...
It is
getting
closer
and
closer
to the
endgame...
I just
have to
keep
my composure
somehow..




But what if Liz had a devilish plan all along,
how am I supposed to deal with that??!

Wait is
that boutique
closed or
open only
today?




Has she
seen
through
my
act?
Does
she
know
my plans...
I need
some
anxiety
but this
much
may
be
to
much!

This closed on
workdays thing
is too confusing,
like how can you
be closed when
it is called "work"
day???



Liz, it's your turn!


Eh, oh yeah
sure, just like
use this card,
uno or bingo!
Or what are
we playing
here?



It makes you attack any sibling you may have


CAIN AND
ABEL

Who designed
this messed-up
game?




Sorry Patty,
I' guess I 'll have
to-

Hahahaha!




I was waiting
for this moment!


ALL
OK
NOTHING




I can only play it when I get attacked while
it is in my hand, wath it does is that we both
role the dice and the one with the higher number
gets all the cards of the loser who has to leave the
game!



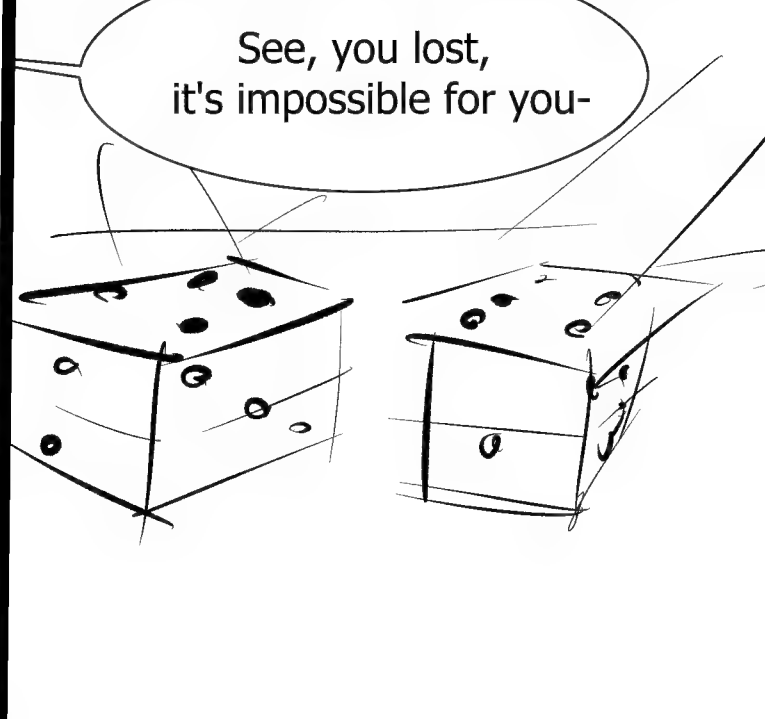
That sounds kinda
weird and like not
really made by
profesionals but
if that means I
can stop playing this
stupid game sooner...



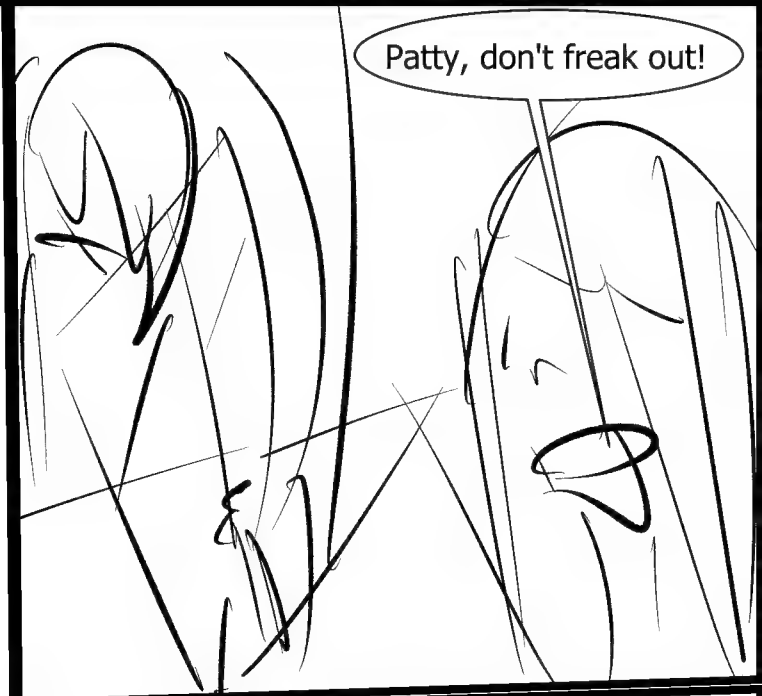
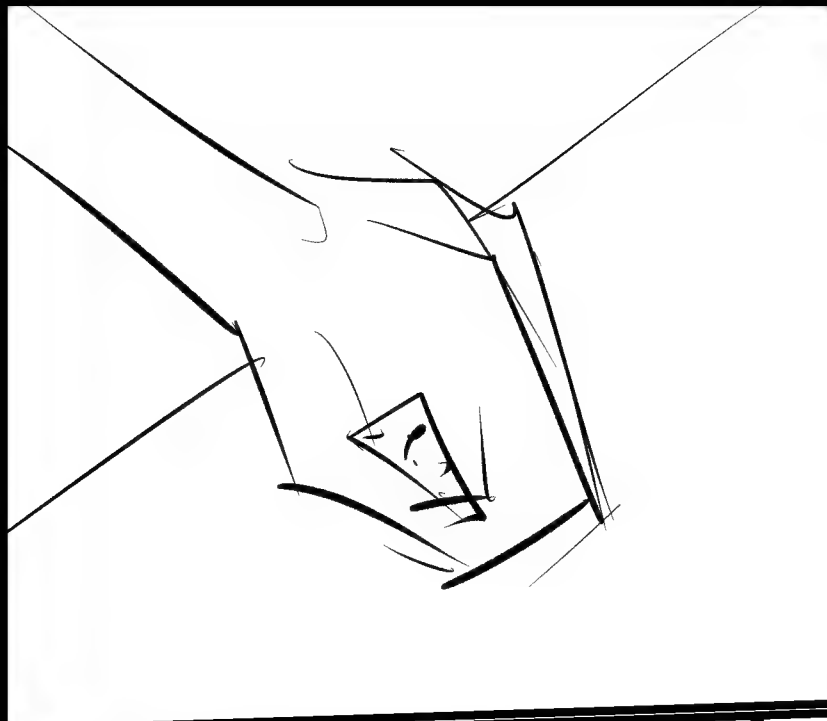
Oh yeah,
the catch
is that I
have too
role atleast
double of
what you do



Patty, I know
this is just a
game but it
is very irresponsible
to trow everything
away on a whim like that!

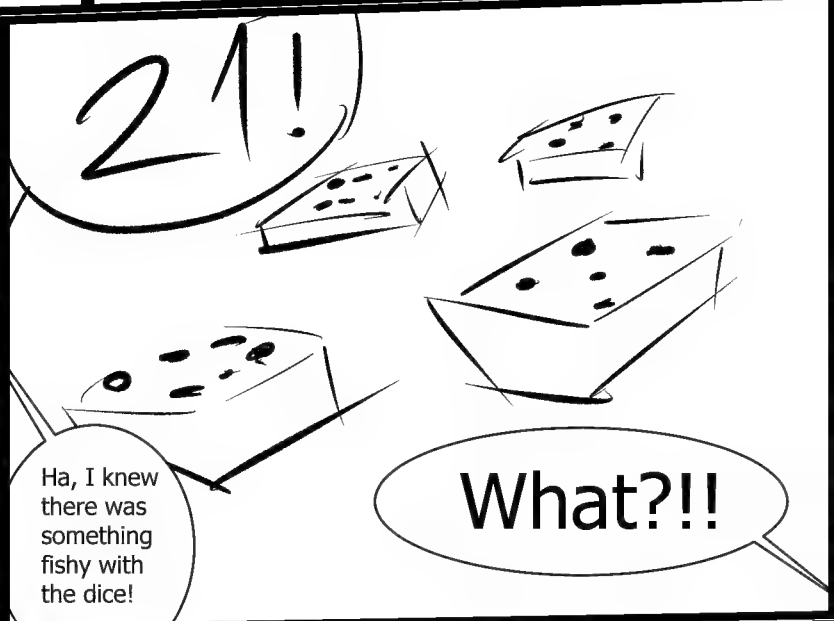
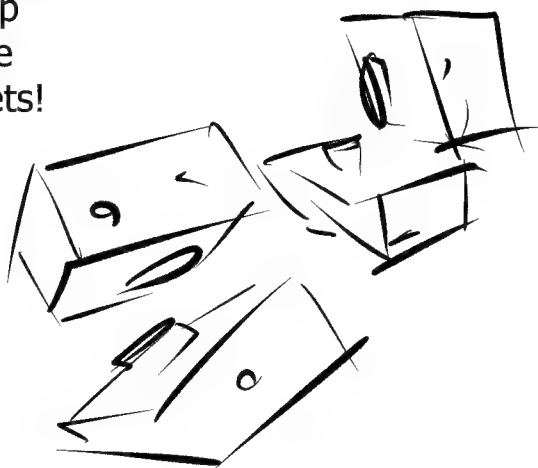


See, you lost,
it's impossible for you-



Patty, don't freak out!

They split...
Held up
by little
magnets!



21!

Ha, I knew
there was
something
fishy with
the dice!

What?!!

How did she
know, that
wasn't even
mentioned
in the manual...
This isn't even
my poker face
I can't deal with
I can't deal
I can't...
No I must somehow...
But how...
A person with so
much luck and intuition
that she can make
anything happen...

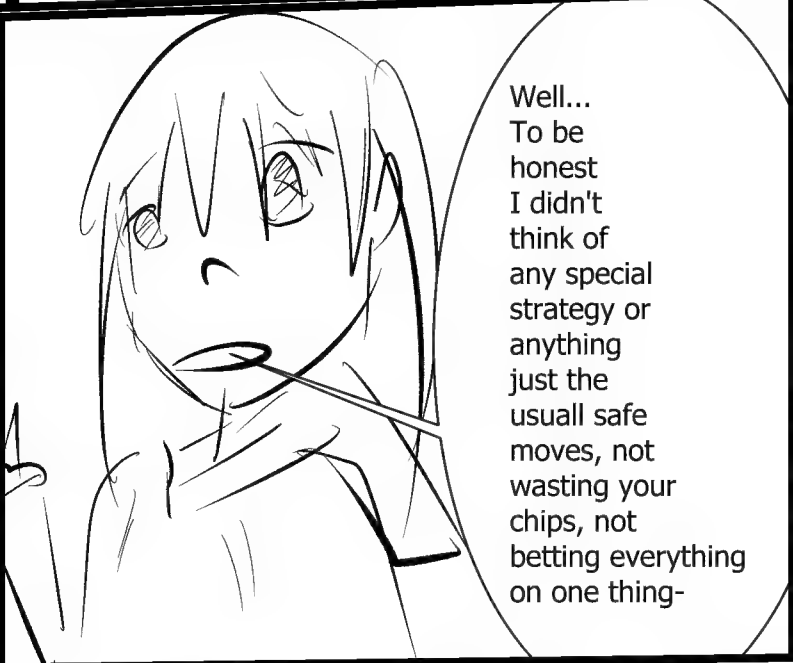
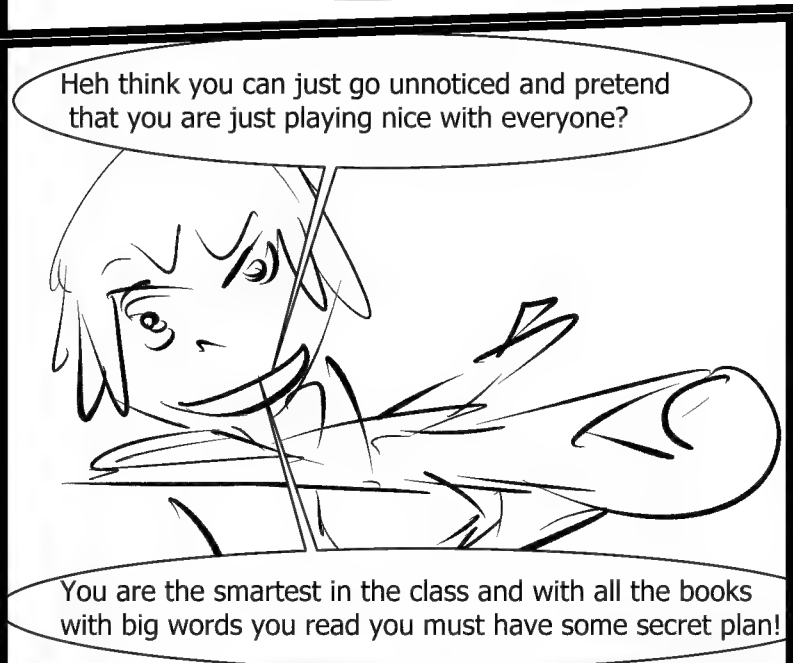


Hihihi!

No! I won't be the old me that can't deal with every little difficulty



If I can't even deal with little games like that... Even if it is unfair...
If the game is broken, I will rebuild it so that I'm the one on top!





Hahahihie!

hrrr!...



You only have one point and no cards for self defense left!

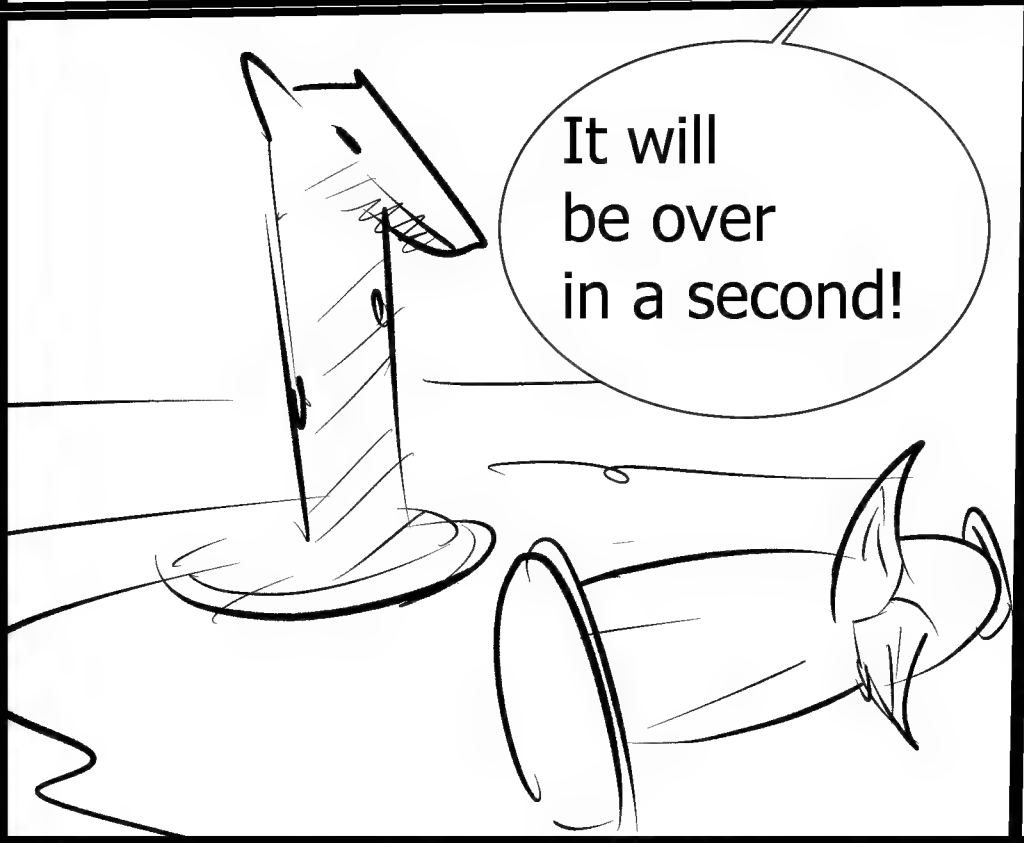


Perfect, time to take you out like trash when your sister screams at you!

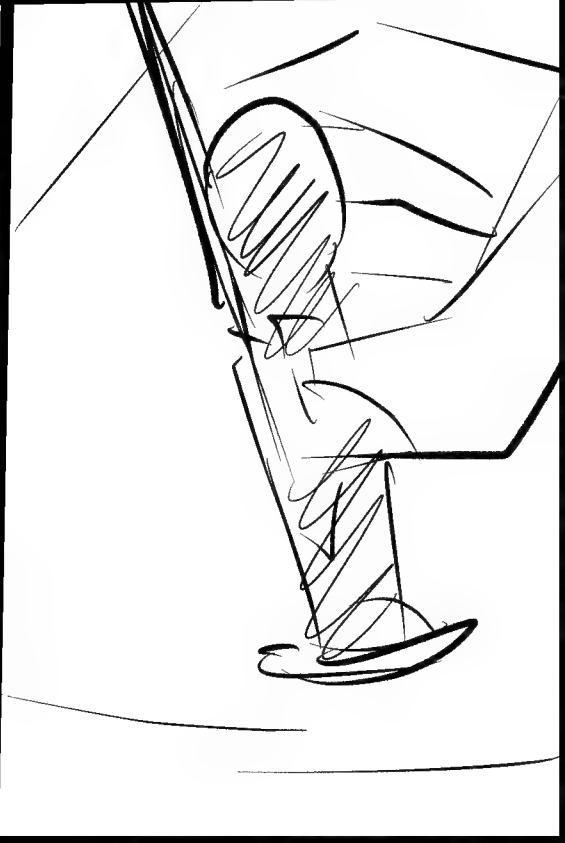


She ended up using most of her cards just for this attack...

Good for me, but Maka...



It will be over in a second!

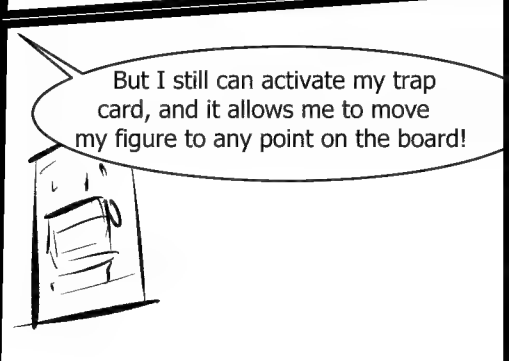




I'll protect
you Maka



It's not your turn!



But I still can activate my trap
card, and it allows me to move
my figure to any point on the board!




Wasting
a card
like that,
pathetic




Oh!

Crona!

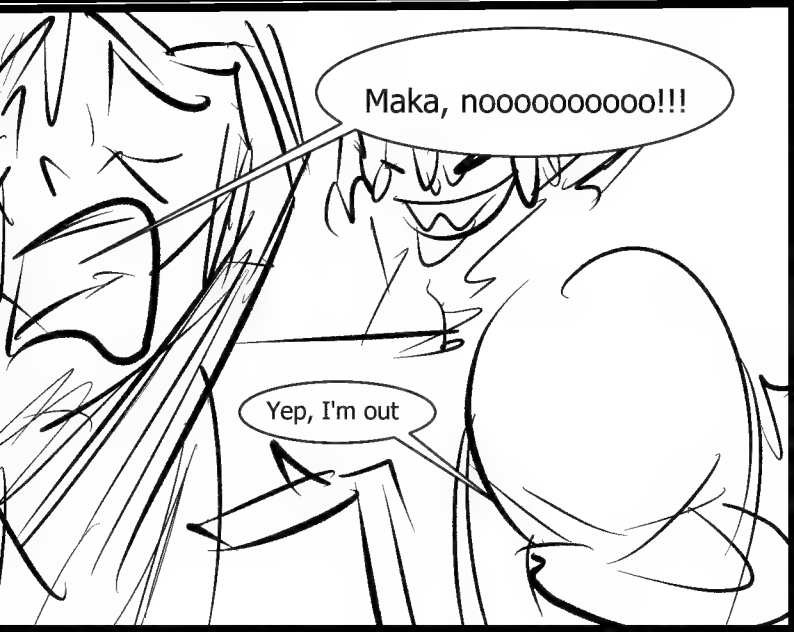
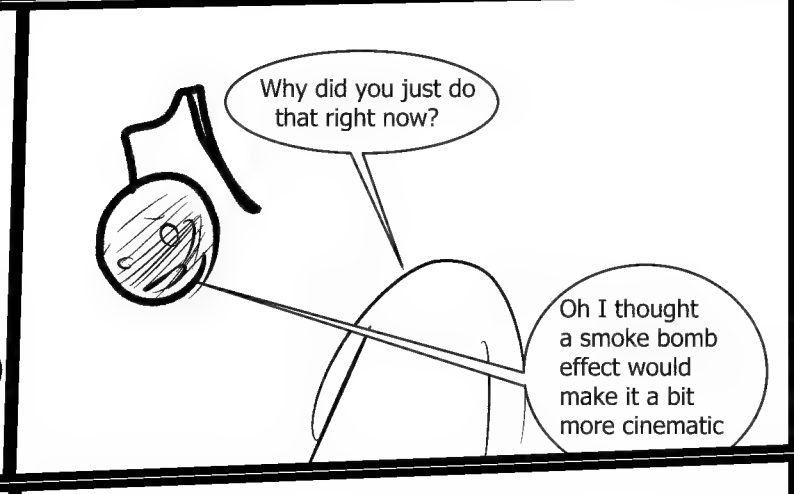


It's just a game
relax, so childish!

Look at the
city I built!



hehe play
your pathetic
cards!





You...

Haha see, you weren't strong enough to sacrifice everything to win and at the end you lost her and will lose yourself!!!



While I sacrificed even my own sister just for the sweet taste of winning in a board game!!!

Patty must have watched to many weird movies again...

How to
HELLO TO
SISTER
BYE



So go cry in the corner like you allways do after losing, already!

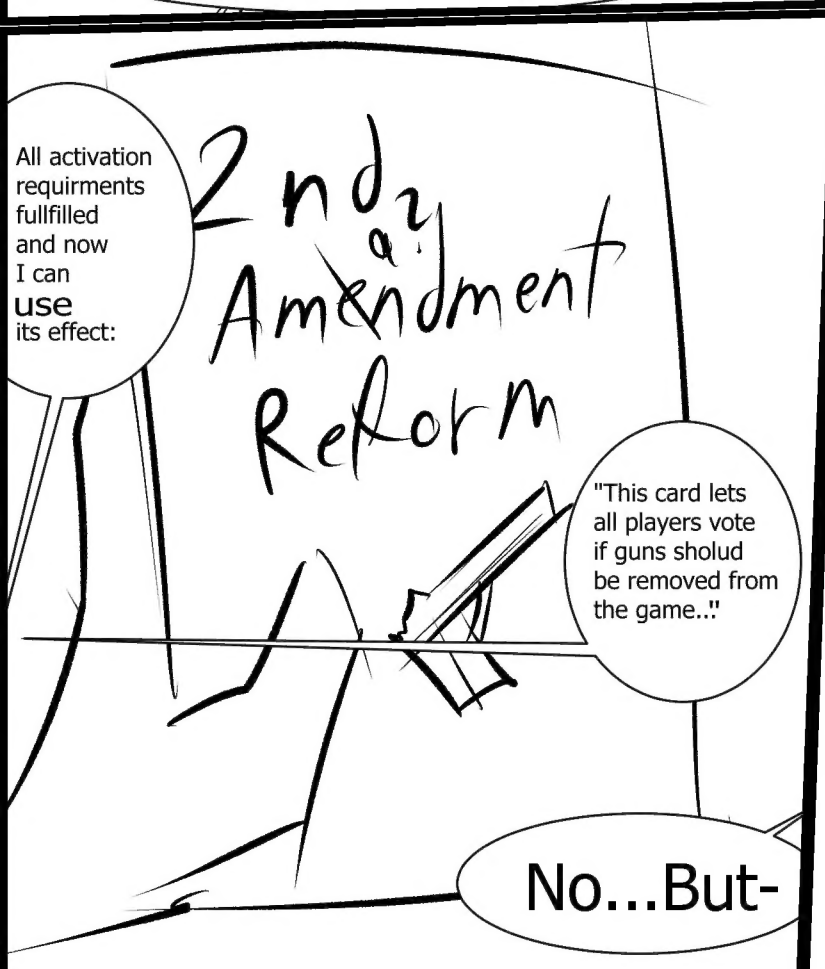
Oh but I don't plan losing today



All this time, how I acted during our little board game... It was all me pretending!

You mean-

Poor little Crona, who can't hurt anybody and does not have the confidence to win... A brilliant play you all fell in! And now I have everything just as I wanted! Time for me to finish this!



All activation requirments fullfilled and now I can use its effect:

2nd
Amendment
Reform

"This card lets all players vote if guns sholud be removed from the game..."

No...But-



All players... That aren't guns themselves, conflict of interest and all...

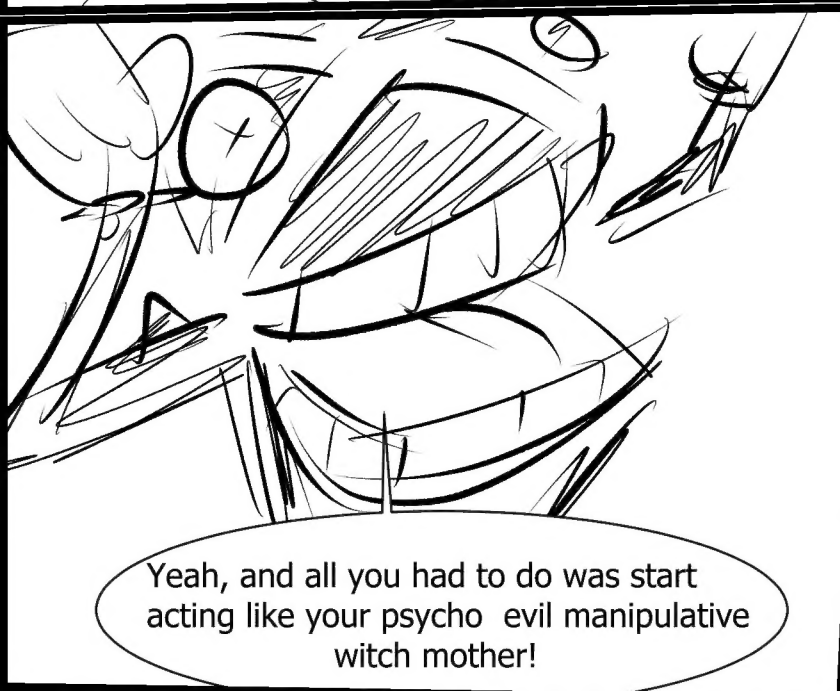
That is discrimination

Life...or better said Death isn't fair...

So with one and only vote...You are out!



Hahahahah! I win I win!
Finally, for once in my
life! Hahah once in my
damn life! Who is the
loser now? Hahahahah!



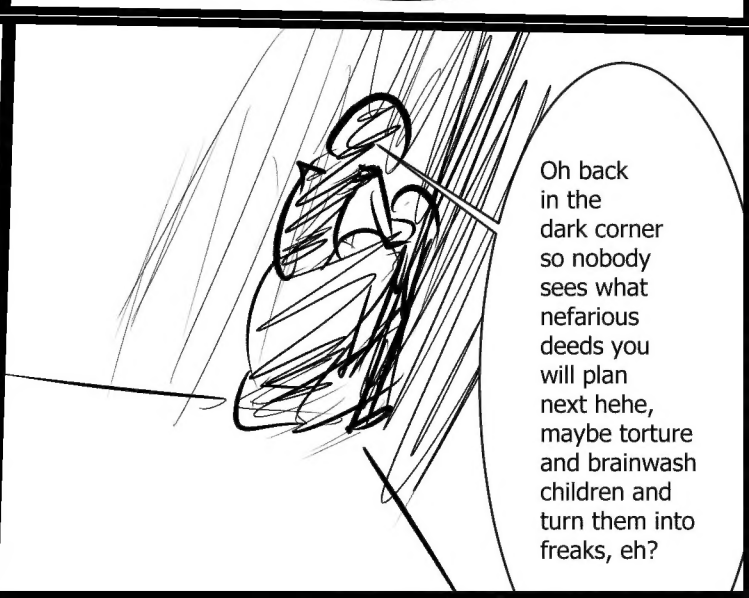
Yeah, and all you had to do was start
acting like your psycho evil manipulative
witch mother!



What's with the face? Don't front
that you didn't notice or is this
all still part of your evil scheme?
Heheh guipi!



Maybe you're gonna get some
snake magic or is acting like
one good enough for you hehe!



Oh back
in the
dark corner
so nobody
sees what
nefarious
deeds you
will plan
next hehe,
maybe torture
and brainwash
children and
turn them into
freaks, eh?




Some one
has to
continue
the family
tradition
eh?!


Hey I'm
talking to
you! Maybe
snakes are
deaf, lets
ask that
ugly bookworm
of yours that
you like for
some reason
or is that
also make
believe, so
you can "strike
at the right
moment"?



Hahaha guipi heheh!




Ragnarok, can't
you see that he
isn't taking it well?



Tch, he can't take
a breeze well,
it's a hurican to that
drama queen!



Shut up
and go
away,
we and
especially
Crona
have had
enough
of you!



Oh still pissed
of at me? What
a shame everybody
else is just having fun!

No, noone
is having
fun anymore...

Oh the sore
loser, had
fun insulting
him before
I came eh?
What ya
gonna do
cry like a
baby again?

Don't talk
to my
sister like
that!

Giupi! Don't you
get what banter
is, gold digger?

Ragnarok, nobody
thinks you are
joking, please
just stop with
this and apologise...

W-well a-and you-your
partner should apologise
for eh... Being so short
yeah!... Eh gotta go!!!

Fleeing again?
Scared of the
great Black*Star
or what you coward!

I-I'm
sorry
for what
he said
to you...

It's my fault for acting
so deceitful today...

What? Nonsense, that was just a game not real life!

Yeah we all
were just
joking around
and getting
a bitt too much
into characher!

Yes...

But it's time
to stop Ragnarok
from "playing around"!

CHAPTER 9 END